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recommendations and a detailed drawing package of the measuring canister are also presented.

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## SUMMARY

With the consideration of multiple aim point basing for weapon systems such as the Air Force MX System, an increasing amount of interest has been shown in the measurement of multiple burst dust cloud properties (e.g. mass and particle distributions). In March of 1978, an intensive program was begun to develop a system to sample clouds generated in the MISERS BLUFF, Phase II, events. The program consisted of three phases including 1) concept and design feasibility, 2) air-drop system development, and 3) participation on MISERS BLUFF, Phase II, Events 1 and 2.

After comprehensive sensor trade-off studies, a light-weight aerodynamically designed canister was selected for further development. This canister featured light-weight aluminum construction, a cyclone dust separator, an active capacitive measurement of the accumulated dust mass which was recorded via an on-board recorder, explosive guillotine actuated closures for protection of the collected sample and a 1.8 meter (6 foot) diameter deceleration parachute for impact survival. The delivery system selected was a helicopter with racks to hold up to six measuring canisters and a simple gravity-seeking targeting device.

As a result of a combination of aerodynamic design problems, sighting inaccuracies and concern about possible impact voiced by agencies with experiments near the detonation site, participation was cancelled on Event 1. After corrective action on the design deficiencies, a simulated dust ingestion field test on 30 July 1978 showed the system to be entirely functional and ready for the Event 2 test. A number of practice drops at the Nevada Test Site also demonstrated an acceptable sighting accuracy.

During Event 2, a countdown delay at 15 minutes prior to detonation required all airborne aircraft to return to their base of operations. When the countdown was resumed, the canister carrying the helicopter was not able to re-establish the delivery sequence in the remaining time and was north of ground zero at detonation time. Although the six measuring canisters were dropped in hopes of penetrating the northern edge of the dust cloud, no measurements were obtained.

Although not successful in the MISERS BLUFF test, laboratory and field testing had shown that the mass measuring canister would actively measure and passively collect accumulated dust as it traversed an early-time dust cloud. The delivery system was unique and functional and had also been demonstrated in many field tests. Except for the measurements during MISERS BLUFF Phase II, Events 1 and 2, all the design goals of the program had been met.

The following are recommendations for system refinements:

- additional active measurement capability.
- softer passive collection techniques with less abrasion and less impact to better preserve sample integrity.
- eliminate the deceleration parachute and design for a high velocity impact.
- electronic tracking and release point identification.
- examination of other delivery methods for a smaller designed canister.
- design of a positive positioning system to assure delivery over ground zero at a predetermined time.

- refinement of the communication system with the airborne delivery platform.
- refinement of the lanyard system used for initiation of functions starting at release from the helicopter.

These recommendations are discussed in detail in Section 5.

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## PREFACE

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Conversion factors for U.S. customary  
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bar	kilo pascal (kPa)	1.000 000 X E +2
barn	meter <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.000 000 X E -28
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cal (thermochemical)/cm <sup>2</sup>	mega joule/m <sup>2</sup> (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	4.184 000 X E -2
curie	*giga becquerel (GBq)	3.700 000 X E +1
degree (angle)	radian (rad)	1.745 329 X E -2
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rad (radiation dose absorbed)	**Gray (Gy)	1.000 000 X E -2
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shake	second (s)	1.000 000 X E -8
slug	kilogram (kg)	1.459 390 X E +1
torr (mm Hg, 0° C)	kilo pascal (kPa)	1.333 22 X E -1

\*The becquerel (Bq) is the SI unit of radioactivity; 1 Bq = 1 event/s.

\*\*The Gray (Gy) is the SI unit of absorbed radiation.

A more complete listing of conversions may be found in "Metric Practice Guide E 380-74," American Society for Testing and Materials.

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## SECTION 1

### INTRODUCTION

This final report describes the program for the development of a dust cloud mass measuring system. Such a system was designed to actively measure the particle size and apparent spatial density as well as collect a sample of dust lofted into the air by a surface detonation of high explosive. The delivery system was developed to permit several canisters to accurately measure an early-time ( $< 2$  minute) dust cloud.

To meet the objectives of the program, it was decided that such a measuring system should be a moving system. The measuring device would traverse the cloud at high velocity and early-time to collect and measure the dust sample. Active measurements of the accumulated dust sample would be recorded on an on-board tape recorder for recovery after impact. Several measuring techniques were considered in the measuring canister to increase the data reliability and time and spatial resolution. These included, for sample collection, 1) filter paper or cloth separation, 2) cyclone separation, and 3) compartment or bins that could be varied with time. Techniques considered for active measurements included 1) acoustic impact, 2) capacitive impact, 3) inline capacitive, and 4) integrated capacitive. For the delivery systems, three methods were considered. These were 1) a howitzer or mortar propulsion/aiming mechanism, 2) a fixed wing aircraft, and 3) a rotary wing (helicopter) delivery system.

Included in this report are the details of the program plan and measuring system design. The measuring system design discussion describes the concept feasibility, aerodynamic, mechanical, and electrical design as well as the development of the delivery system. The program conclusions and recommendations for system improvements are also included.

## SECTION 2

### PROGRAM PLAN

#### 2.1 Program Outline

The program plan for the development of a dust cloud mass measuring system included three phases covering a period of six months starting in March of 1978. The three phases were 1) Engineering Feasibility Demonstration, 2) Air Drop System Development, and 3) Dust Cloud Measurements - MISERS BLUFF Event 2. Originally our participation was only planned on Event 1 (Phase I and II) which was to be detonated on 28 June 1978. Later, the program was ammended to include more development of the sighting and delivery system and participation on Event 2 which was on August 30, 1978. The detailed description of the tasks for each phase was as follows:

Phase I. Engineering Feasibility Demonstration

1. Sensing technique evaluation
2. Air-drop canister design

Phase II. Air-drop system development and Test

1. Delivery system evaluation
2. Sighting and Mounting Rack Design
3. System Field Testing
4. Participation on MISERS BLUFF, Phase II, Event 1

Phase III. Dust Cloud Measurements on MISERS BLUFF  
Event 2

1. Event 1 Performance and Data Evaluation
2. Event 2 Design Improvements
3. Fabrication and Fielding of Four or More  
Units for Event 2
4. Design and Test an Accurate Sighting Mechanism

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5. Fabrication of Test Canisters for Accuracy Testing
  6. Test Deployment and Sighting Mechanism Evaluation
  7. Event 2 Performance and Data Evaluation
  8. Final Report Preparation

Although the original program plan called for our participation on Event 1 of MISERS BLUFF, several problems, including aerodynamic design, sighting accuracy and concern of other experimenters about possible damage from canister impact led to the cancellation of our participation on June 23, 1978.

On Event 2, a 15 minute hold prior to the detonation time made it necessary for the helicopter to return to the landing strip. When the countdown was resumed, there was not sufficient time for the helicopter to regain altitude and position prior to the detonation. Although the helicopter crew tried to obtain a substitute position at the northern edge of the dust cloud, the drop of the six measuring canisters failed to penetrate the edge of the dust cloud; hence, no measurements were obtained. The canisters had to be dropped by T + 2 minutes to avoid compromising the prime cloud-sampling aircraft experiments.

## SECTION 3 MEASURING SYSTEM DESIGN

### 3.1 Feasibility Study

As noted in the Introduction, several options existed concerning measuring technique, housing design, and delivery system. Also the realistic restrictions of time were to be considered with the first event only four months away from the start of the program.

The arbitrary decision to make the measuring device a moving system with on-board recording and multiple measurements was the starting point of the study. Since the problems of dust cloud particle sensing and collection most often can be combined, the following options appeared most reasonable:

1. Acoustic and capacitive impact (front)/inline capacitive flow-through/filter bag or paper separation.
2. Acoustic and capacitive impact (front)/cyclone separation/integrated capacitive collection.
3. Same as (2) except the use of bins or compartments could increment the collection with time.

The advantages and disadvantages of each of the foregoing systems are presented in Table 1. After some laboratory testing, analytical study, review of current literature and consultation with specialists, a simple system consisting of cyclone separation with integrated capacitance collection was chosen. Selection of this system was influenced by the limited development time



Table 1. Measurement and Collection System Comparisons

<u>Measurement or Collection System</u>	<u>Advantages</u>	<u>Disadvantages</u>
Acoustic Impact	Actively measure particle density (number and frequency of impacts) altitude (impulse time.) Most of the basic technology exists for development.	Response to dynamic range of particle size beyond state-of-art in electronics Collection and storage of impact data requires development of sophisticated digital electronics for small on-board digital recorder.
Capacitive Impact	Actively measures particle density (number and frequency of impacts) and size (magnitude of impact)	Laboratory data indicated that with present technology, no system could be designed to sense particle sizes over the anticipated centimeter to micron range. Extensive development required.
Capacitive in-line	Actively measures particle density (amount passing through capacitance sensors).	Difficult to directly measure particle size. Has same disadvantages as capacitive impact.
Integrated Capacitive	Actively measures particle density (amount accumulated with time). With tapered collection chamber, sensitivity can be varied with apparent sample size.	Does not actively measure particle size.
Collecting Bins	Used with integrated system, bins can be varied with time and separate sample into various altitude regions. From this an average density and particle size can be expressed for the various regions.	Compartment vs. time mechanism needs to be developed.
Filter Paper or Cloth	Passive collects sample. Could be designed for low impact speed collection to protect particle size.	Could be torn or ripped by high velocity particle.
Cyclone Separator	Commercially available in small sizes. Works well with integrated capacitance measuring system.	Particles are impacted on several surfaces during collection. Larger particles most likely broken into smaller sizes.

before Event 1, however, it was hoped that continued activities leading up to Event 2 would expand our measuring technique capability.

For the delivery system, fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter and powder guns (either mortar or howitzer) were considered. For both the fixed-wing aircraft and powder gun delivery systems, the delivery accuracy depends greatly on a thorough knowledge of the actual aerodynamic performance of the measuring canister. Because of the lack of time to characterize this performance, the only reasonable delivery system choice appeared to be the helicopter system. For a helicopter, the canisters could be dropped from a hover or near-hover position directly above the target.

### 3.2 Aerodynamic Design

The objectives of the aerodynamic design were that the canister:

1. would have a six inch diameter inlet sampling area to minimize weight as determined by payload characteristics of the helicopter
2. would weigh approximately (178 newtons) 40 pounds to minimize weight as determined by payload characteristics of the helicopter
3. would have a terminal velocity of 106.68 m/sec (350 ft/sec) which it would obtain in the first 1067 meters (3500 feet) of decent
4. would have minimal internal drag associated with the particle collection system
5. would have a low drag exterior surface
6. would have excess aerodynamic stability
7. would have a maximum body diameter of one foot

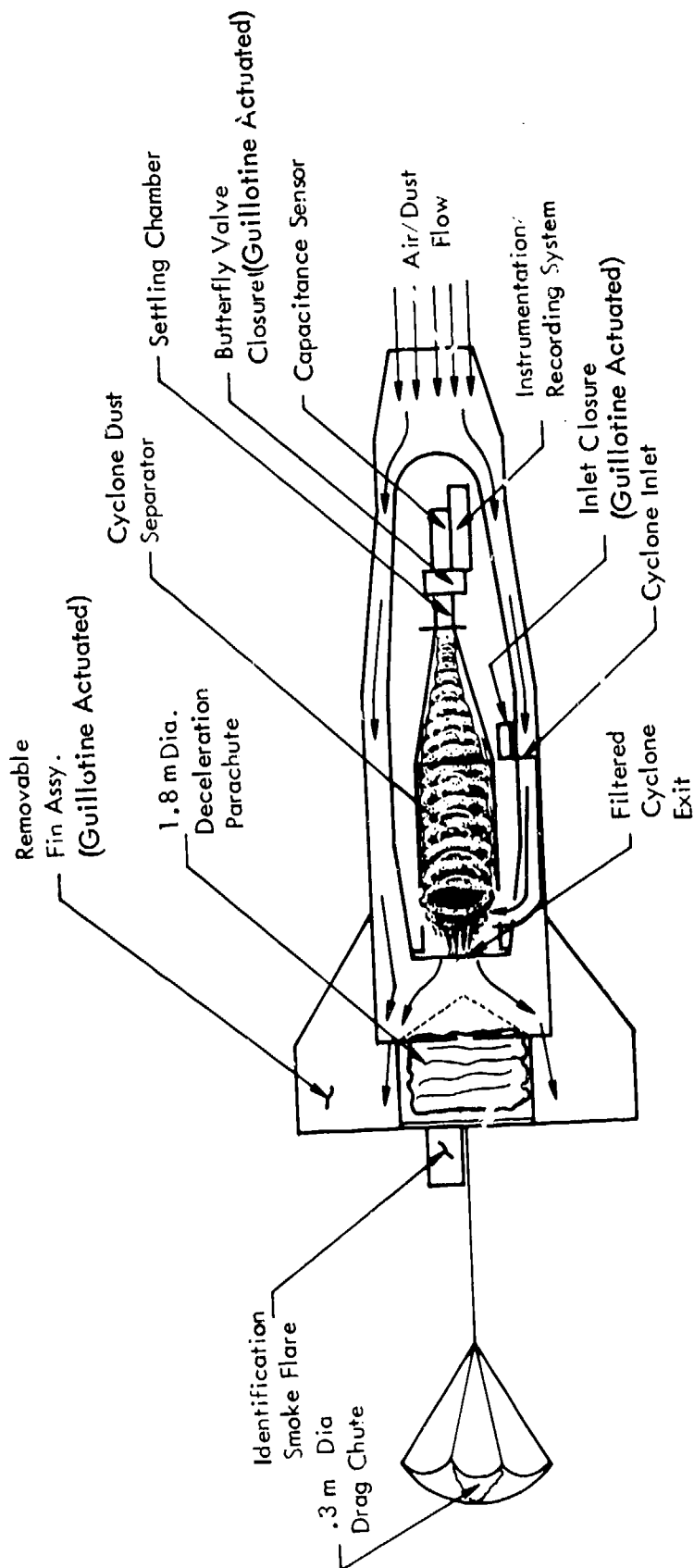
After careful design analysis and a test drop at Fort Carson, it was decided that a flow-through canister could be designed to meet these goals. The basic design approach was a sleek, thin-walled, reinforced aluminum structure with special rear stabilizing fins and a combined drag coefficient of between 0.2 and 0.4 (based on frontal area). The stabilizing fins were releasable and when released from their mountings, were used to pull the impact deceleration parachute from its housing. A photograph of this design showing some of the external features is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Photograph of Dust Measuring Canister

When the first test units were fabricated, the final location of the center of gravity was considerably aft of the desired location. The unit weight of the canister was also slightly high at 215 newtons (48 pounds). A test drop made in mid June, indicated that the test unit was not statically stable.

A careful examination of both the static and dynamic stability of the canister was made. It was agreed to add (90 newtons) 20 pounds of ballast in the nose and to axially balance the canister statically to eliminate possible dynamic instabilities. In subsequent tests, no aerodynamic instabilities were noted; however, the deployment scheme for the deceleration parachute failed to work. Excessive negative base area pressure was determined to be the cause of the problem and a drag chute was added to the fin assembly. The drag chute aided the design in two ways by providing a positive loading for the fin removal at the proper time and by reducing the higher terminal velocity, caused by the added weight, from over 122 meters per second (400 feet per second) to approximately 79 meters per second (260 feet per second). Both of these factors improve the probability of survival on impact. Details of the final design are shown in Figure 2.



#### CANISTER DIMENSIONS

Length	1.4 m (54.2 in)
Max. Dia.	.6 m (24 in) at Fin Tips
Body Dia.	.3 m (12 in)
Inlet Dia.	.15 m (6 in)
Weight	289 newtons (65 lbs)

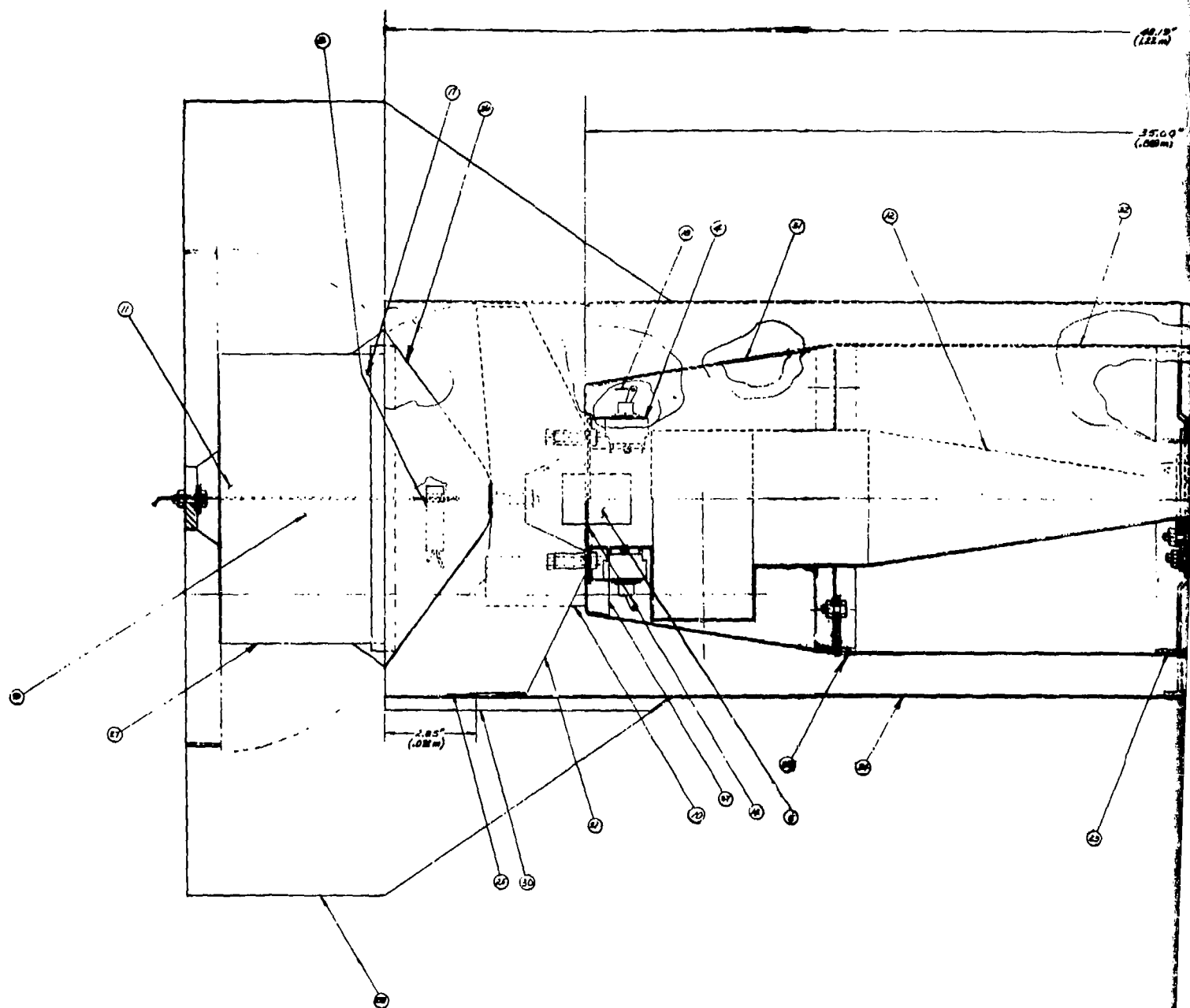
Figure 2. Canister Dust Measuring System

### 3.3 Mechanical Design

In addition to the noted objectives of the aerodynamic design, the mechanical design added the requirements of 1) impact survivability, 2) sample collection and protection, 3) general mechanical design for aerodynamic configuration, and 4) housing of the various components. In Figure 3, the details of the mechanical design are shown. Detailed drawings of the various parts to the assembly are presented in Appendix A.

Again, the basic approach to making the model was to use a thin wall riveted aluminum assembly mounted to a 4130 aircraft steel "stong-back" rear bulkhead. both the outer skin, inner pod and fin assembly would be attached to this bulkhead. During impact, the outer skin would buckle and crush thus absorbing and disapating the impact energy and the inner pod containing the cyclone separator and the active instrumentation would survive undamaged.

Other features of the design noted in Figure 3 are the cyclone, the cyclone closure, the cyclone separator, the settling chamber, the closure valve, the flow outlet final filter, the parachute compartment, the stabilizing fins and the smoke flare. In principle, the cyclone is designed around the fact that the particles cannot follow the path of the air stream and are thrown to the outer walls. For the anticipated flow rates of this design, this fact was supposedly true for particles as small as 10 microns in size. These particles then settle into a chamber where they can be collected and measured. The filter on the outlet assures that re-entrained particles can not escape the chamber. The two closures (one at the cyclone entrance and one in the settling chamber) assure total protection for the sample of the collected dust for later evaluation. The closures are both spring-loaded and guillo'ine-actuated. The



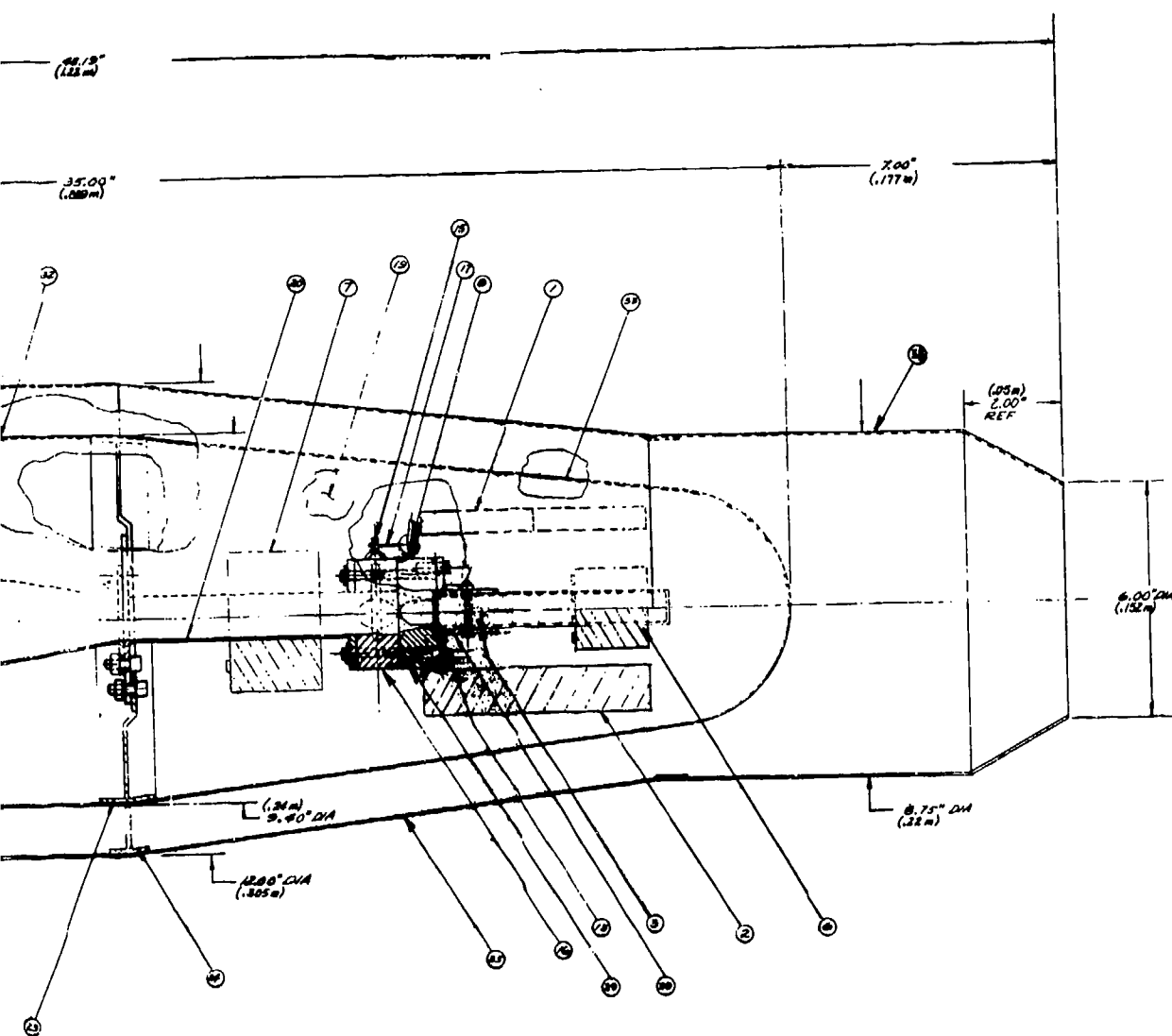
# Key to Design Features

- ① Signal Cond. Electronics
- ② Tape Recorder
- ③ Sensor Assembly
- ④ On-off Switch
- ⑤ Time-delay Relay
- ⑥ Power Supply
- ⑦ Power Supply
- ⑧ Guillotines
- ⑨ Parachute
- ⑩ XQ-3 Cyclone
- ⑪ Final Filter
- ⑫ Closure Assembly

- ⑬ Trigger Wire
- ⑭ Settling Chamber
- ⑮ Aft Rib
- ⑯ Mid Rib
- ⑰ Forward Rib
- ⑱ Spacer
- ⑲ Flexible Closure
- ⑳ Parachute
- ㉑ Fin Assembly
- ㉒ Fin Guides
- ㉓ Aft Skin
- ㉔ Mid Skin

- ㉕ Nose Skin
- ㉖ Aft Shroud
- ㉗ Mid Shroud
- ㉘ Cyclone Mtg. Flange
- ㉙ Inlet Shroud





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FIGURE 3 CANISTER DESIGN

explosively driven guillotine is initiated by an electrical signal from the control electronics. This same type guillotine is used to release the parachute prior to impact.

The fin assembly is primarily for aerodynamic stability but also is used in a parachute removal scheme. A small drag chute was used to overcome a negative base pressure on the fin assembly. The fins were held in position by angle-bracket tracks on the canister body and secured by a steel cable. When the canister approached within 151 to 303 meters (500 to 1000 feet) of impact, the guillotine severed the cable, and the fins and drag chute pulled out the deceleration parachute. The smoke flare attached to the aft end of the fin assembly was used to enhance visual and photographic identification during its flight.

To test the operational aspects of the canister, several tests were performed. The tests included laboratory, vehicle-mounted and helicopter-deployed. Proper functioning of all aspects of the canister operations were verified in these tests. The culmination of such testing came at Butte, Montana on 30 July 1978, where an actual dust measuring canister was dropped. The canister was dropped from 2120 meters (7000 feet) above ground and contained a "tear-apart" tissue bag of dust in the flow inlet. In the test, all aspects of the measuring canister operated properly; i.e., the electronics turned on, dust was collected and measured, the electronics turned off, the guillotines operated at the correct time for dust sample closure and parachute release, the parachute deployed successfully and the canister survived impact with very little damage. Final preparations for Event 2 testing in late August were begun with "targeting" accuracy the only operational issue remaining. This aspect of the program is discussed in Section 3.5, Delivery System.

### 3.4 Electronics Design

The electrical block diagram for the measuring canister is shown in Figure 4. The objectives of this subsystem were to measure the accumulated dust versus time and to provide control signals for other functions including closures and parachute deployment. The measurement task was a most difficult one since predictions of dust cloud densities showed a dynamic range of approximately  $10^4$  in mass. Since this type of dynamic range is beyond the state-of-the art for most electronic systems, a tapered collection chamber was devised. The tapered collection chamber, filling from the apex, provides a linearizing effect, i.e., a little initial volume provides the same capacitance change as a larger delta volume added onto an existing volume of dust. The use of the tapered collection chamber reduces the required dynamic range of the electronic system down to approximately  $10^2$ , well within the current state-of-the-art, permitting good comparative assessment of the total accumulated mass. A total accumulated mass of 0.05 grams could be measured. The capacitance sensor was of the parallel plate type and was part of an A.C. bridge circuit. The rectified output of the circuit was fed to a voltage controlled oscillator. This frequency modulated signal was fed directly into a micro-cassette tape recorder (Pearlcorder Model S301) for recovery and playback later.

The timing electronics consisted of an electronically controlled time-delay relay. Time delays provided by the relay were adjustable from a few seconds to over two minutes. Selection of the proper time settings for functions were determined from practice drops of actual canisters in the field. A typical sequence of events for the canister electronics is as follows:

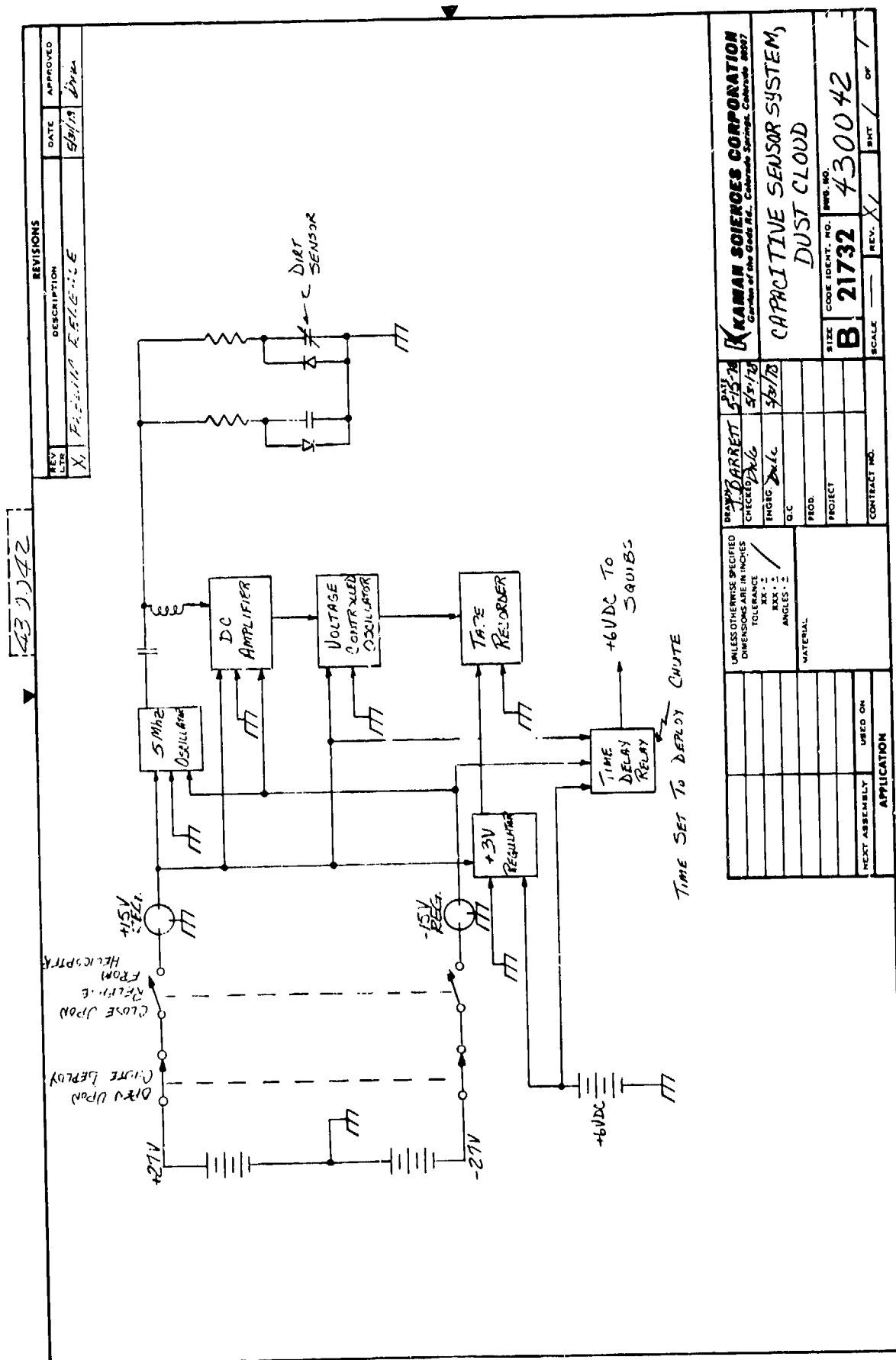


Figure 4. Electrical Block Diagram

Time zero - Turn on electronics (helicopter lanyard).  
Capacitance sensor ready for measurements.

Time t - At a set time interval (approximately 30 seconds for the MISERS BLUFF events), three explosive guillotines are fired. These release the parachute, close the inlet to the cyclone separator and close the collection chamber. The release of the parachute opens a switch that turns off all power to the electronics and tape recorder.

### 3.5 Delivery System Design

The goals of the delivery system were to design and implement a system for accurately dropping several measuring canisters through the dust cloud. The basic approach was to use a helicopter, with canisters mounted on the sides for release at the proper time. The principle details of the system are shown in Figure 5. Actual photographs of the delivery system are shown in Figures 6 and 7. In this scenario the helicopter would approach the drop area in a near hover and when properly stationed above the ground target as indicated via an optical sighting mechanism, the canisters would be released (see Figure 8).

Participation in MISERS BLUFF using a manned helicopter flying above the burst raised a question concerning safety. Specifically, it was necessary to choose a flight altitude such that the aircraft would not be subjected to an overpressure above the sure-safe level for that aircraft. In fact, realizing that the vehicle would be manned and that there were some uncertainties in predicting the blast field environment, it was reasonable

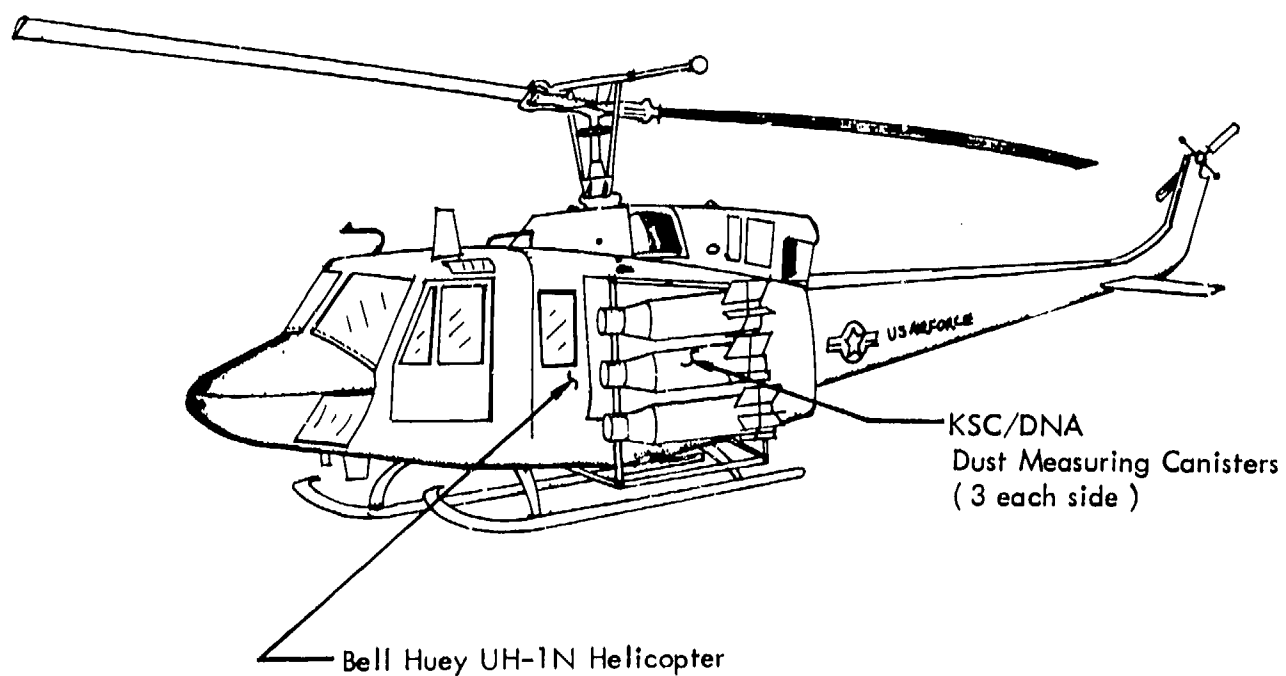


Figure 5. Helicopter Delivery System

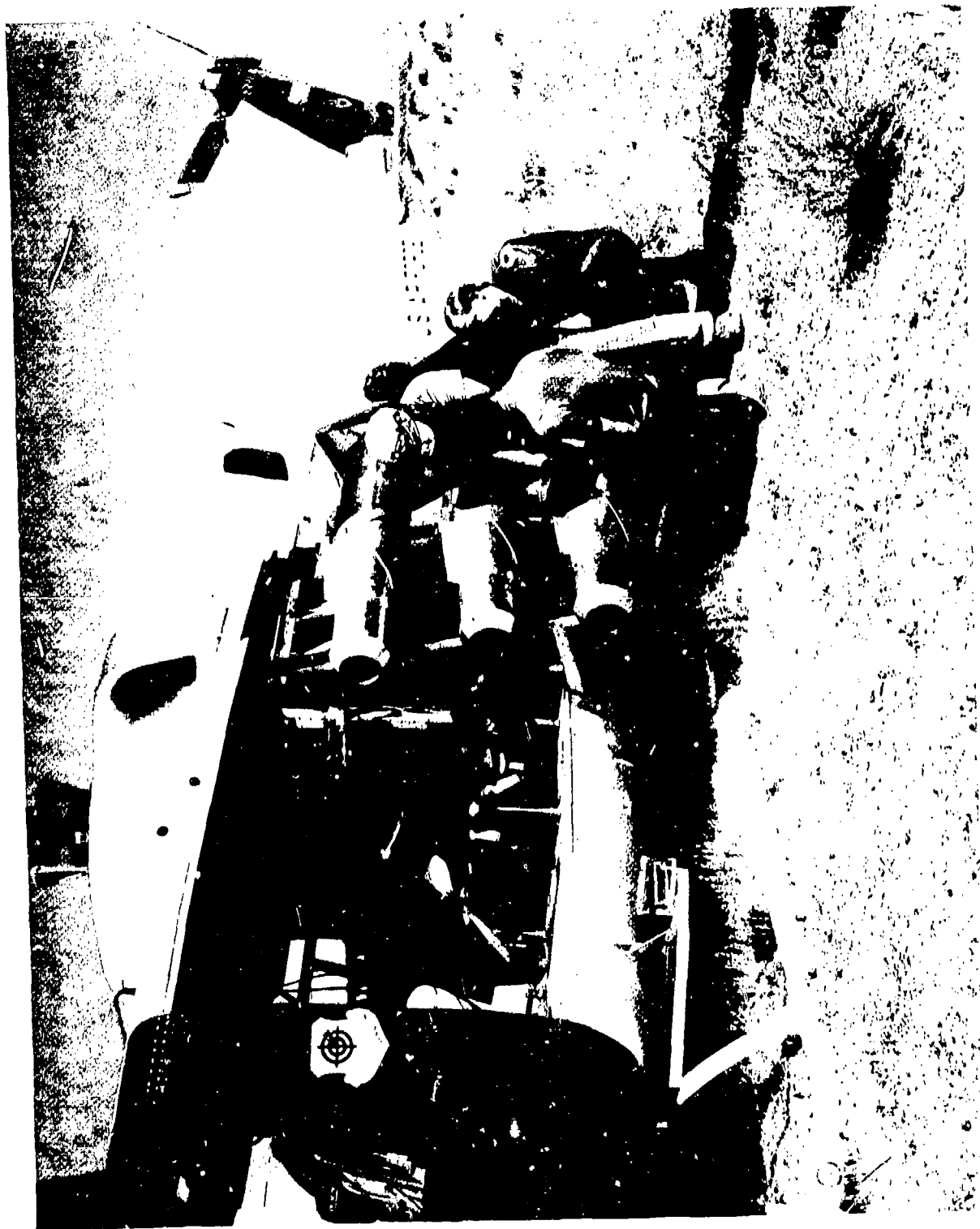


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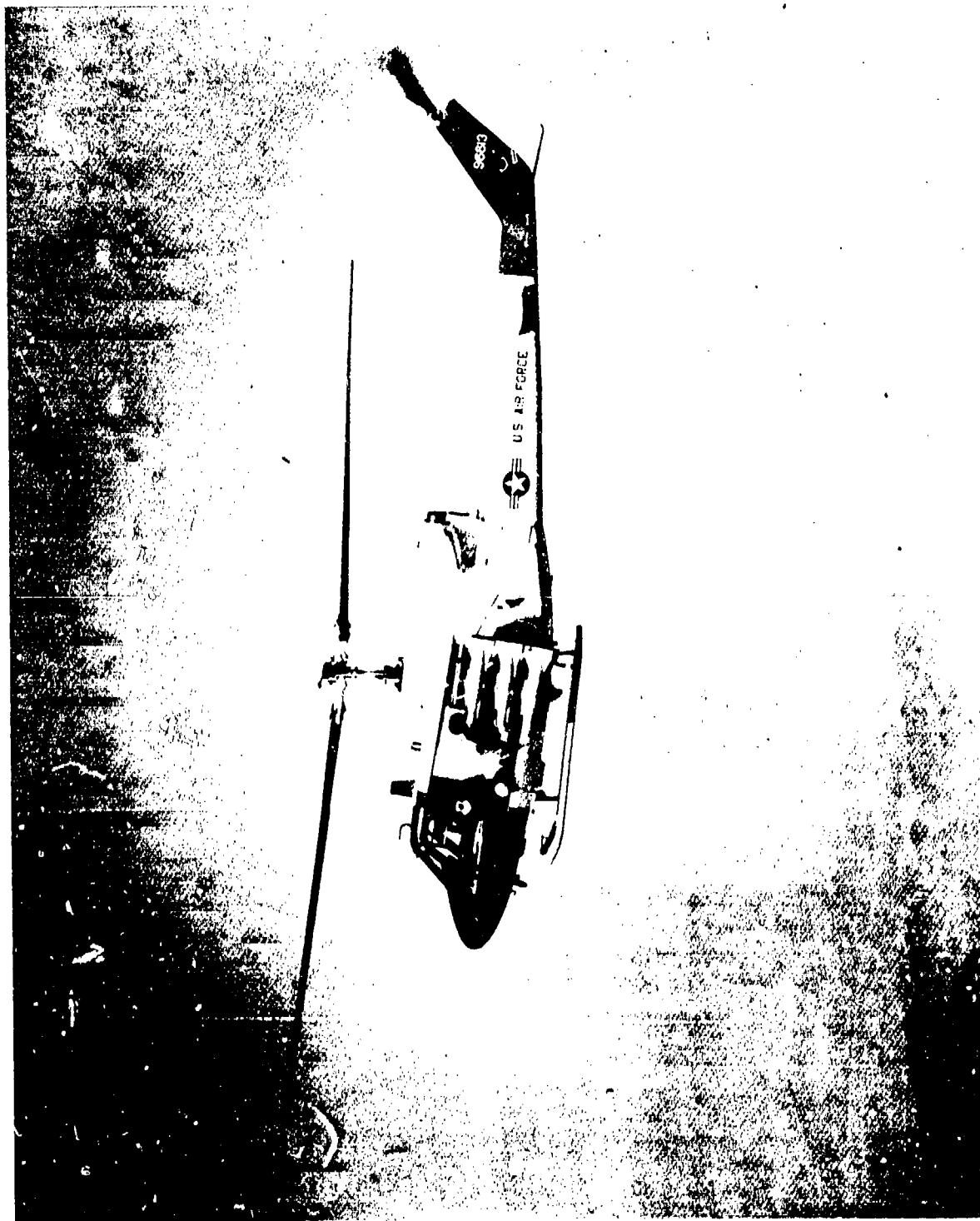


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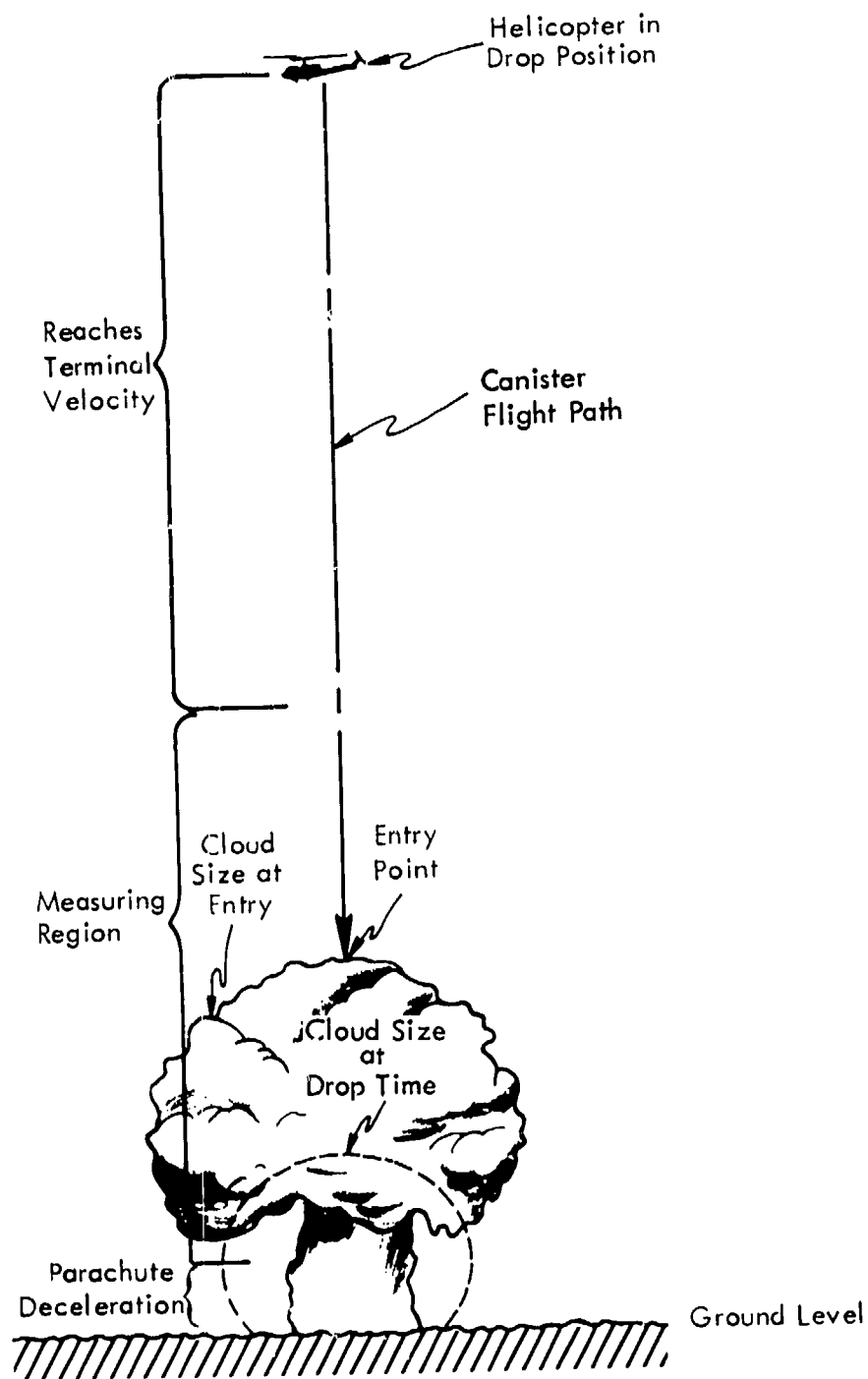


FIGURE 8. Dust Measuring Canister-System Diagram

to apply an additional safety factor of two beyond what was considered sure-safe to allow for blast overpressure prediction uncertainties.

Some data are available from tests conducted during the PRE-MINE, THROW-IV and DICE THROW Events. In these tests, a domed UH-1B helicopter received side-on blasts of 8963 Pa (1.3 psi) and 12411 Pa (1.8 psi) and the vehicle did sustain some damage, particularly at the higher level. It was concluded that for a blast directly on the side of a UH-1B, even the 8963 Pa (1.3 psi) level would be unacceptable. After some analysis and consultation with experts, it was estimated that for generic helicopters, the 1379 Pa (0.2 psi) overpressure level would provide adequate safety for all encounter conditions; including blasts from directly below (which load the main rotor blades).

For tests using large quantities of explosives, the 1379 Pa (0.2 psi) keep out zone requires the helicopter to fly at very high altitudes; e.g., the Event 2 mission was flown at 3936 meters (13,000 feet) above the blast site.

A detailed analysis of the response of a specific helicopter model in a simulated explosive burst is required if operations dictate closer positioning than about 1379 Pa (0.2 psi). Such a full analysis was not within the scope of KSC participation in MISERS BLUFF II Events and was not considered necessary because the predicted altitude corresponding to 1379 Pa (0.2 psi) was within the capability of the USAF helicopter employed. The KSC engineering judgement using safe-side environment and meteorological assumptions was documented in a memorandum from KSC Avidyne to KSC Science and Technology (see Appendix B).

Two additional problems with the delivery system selected were encountered. These were the problems of dropping the measuring canisters with the desired accuracy and the associated probability of impacting an experiment on the ground. The sighting mechanism evolved from simply a "seamans eye" through several mechanical devices of various degrees of sophistications. The final device selected consisted of a pendulum of clear lucite with crosshairs on the bottom and top. The pendulum was suspended in a clear, cylindrical container for elimination of wind loading and water filled to provide damping. The target point was indicated by aligning the upper and lower crosshairs. The sight indicated a path perpendicular to the drop surface. Through testing experience, it was found that inertial loads on the pendulum disk caused it to rock back and forth slightly. This motion, though small, had a significant effect on a target surface as great as 3936 meters (13,000) feet away, so a slow constant helicopter approach velocity was maintained to minimize this effect.

In the development stages, several test models and one actual canister were dropped as functional deployment and sighting experiments. The test models were of two types. The first was called a "free-fall dummy" and contained no electronics. It was the same size, shape, and weight as an actual canister, but was used only to measure total elapsed time from the helicopter to the ground. The second type was called a "chute dummy" since it contained all the necessary electronics and hardware for the deployment and testing of the deceleration parachute to permit observation of impact survival. Free-fall dummy decent times and estimates of terminal velocities were used to set the interval timers on the chute dummies. A summary of the drop testing is listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2

## DROP HISTORY

DATE	TEST MODEL NUMBER	DROP LOCATION	DROP HEIGHT METERS (FEET)	DROP POSITION		Remarks**
				R (METERS/ FEET)	$\theta$ (degrees)*	
15 June 78	Dummy 1	Meadow Lake Airport	2120 (7000)	908 (~3000)	155	Aerodynamically Unstable Used Sighting
17 July 78	Dummy 2	"	"	291(960)	297	"
"	Dummy Chute 3	"	"	303(1000)	55	"
20 July 78	Dummy Chute 4	"	"	73(240)	70	New Sighting Mechanism
"	Dummy Chute 5	"	"	218(720)	324	"
30 July 78	Dummy Chute 6	Butte, Montana	"	45(150)	330	"
	Dump 1	"	"	73(240)	0	"
25 Aug 78	Dummy 7	Area 14, NTS 2543(8400)		338(1115)	220	New Helicopter Crew
"	Dummy Chute 8	"	"	109(361)	180	"
"	Dummy Chute 9	"	"	358(1181)	300	"
"	Dummy Chute 10	"	"	~696 (~2300)	120	"
"	Dummy Chute 11	"	"	99(328)	210	"
"	Dummy Chute 12	"	"	159(525)	135	"
27 Aug 78	Dummy 13	Bill Wms Ck, Ariz	3936(13000)	277(918)	330	

\*Clockwise angular progression with  $0^\circ$  at magnetic North

\*\*Test models 1 thru Dump 1 were dropped using the Hiller-Saloy helicopter.  
All others were with the USAF UH-IN helicopter.

The problem of impact with other experiments was also studied by KSC for both Events 1 and 2. A circular error probability (CEP) was established using this limited data base. A CEP of 200 meters was estimated from all test drop data. Using that accuracy and considering the testbed layout for Event 2 probabilities of impact of various experiments are shown in Figures 9 through 13. In these figures, the radial angle, distance and size of each experiment is noted and a probability of impact versus CEP is shown. As indicated, probabilities of one in a million or less were predicted for nearly all experiments on the ground.

For Event 1, a similar analysis was performed, but the analysis was further complicated by a larger number of experiments on the ground and the consideration of aim-point bias. The use of aim-point bias was considered to decrease the probability of impact for certain sensitive experiments.

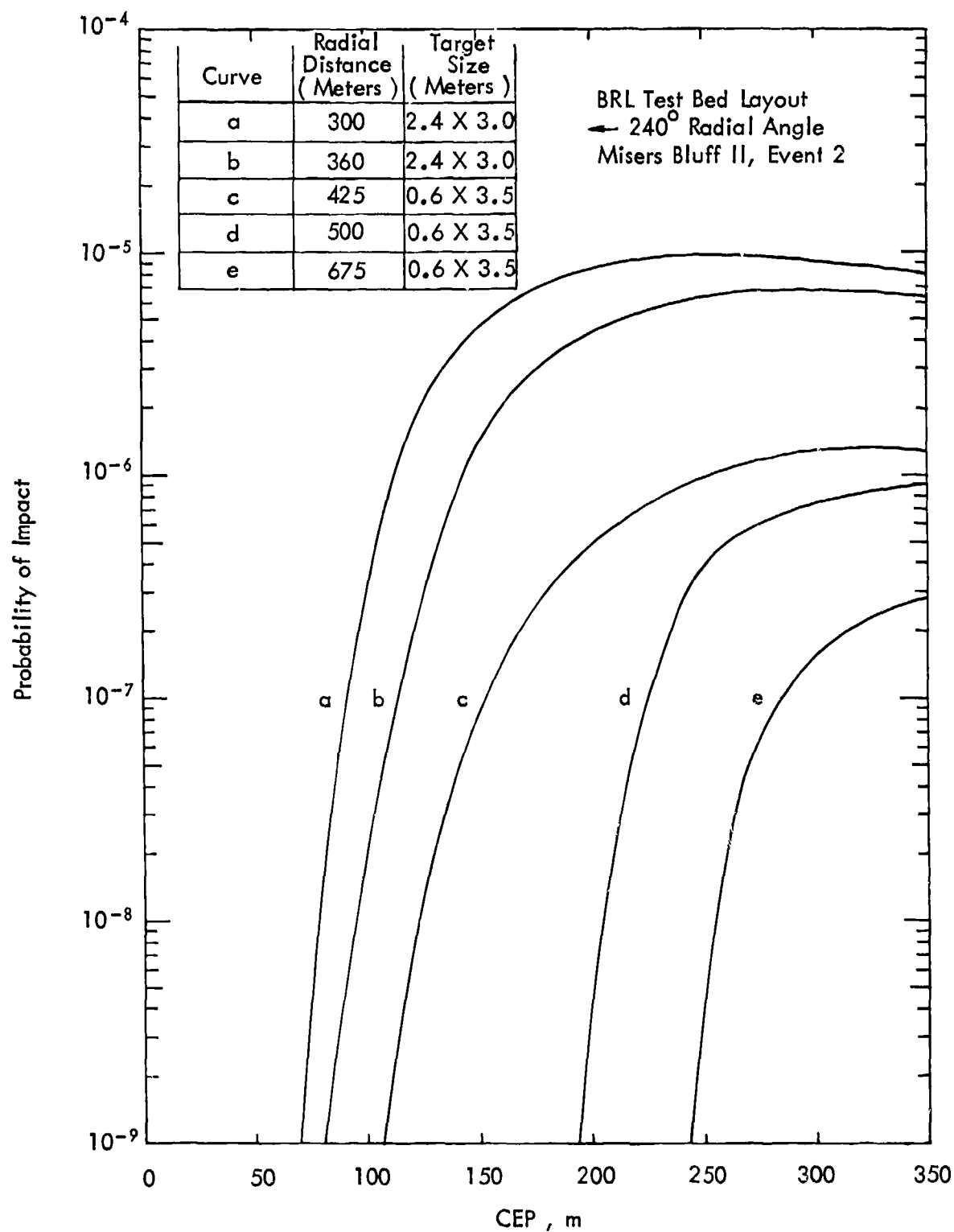


Figure 9. Probability of Impact Versus Canister CEP, BRL Experiments

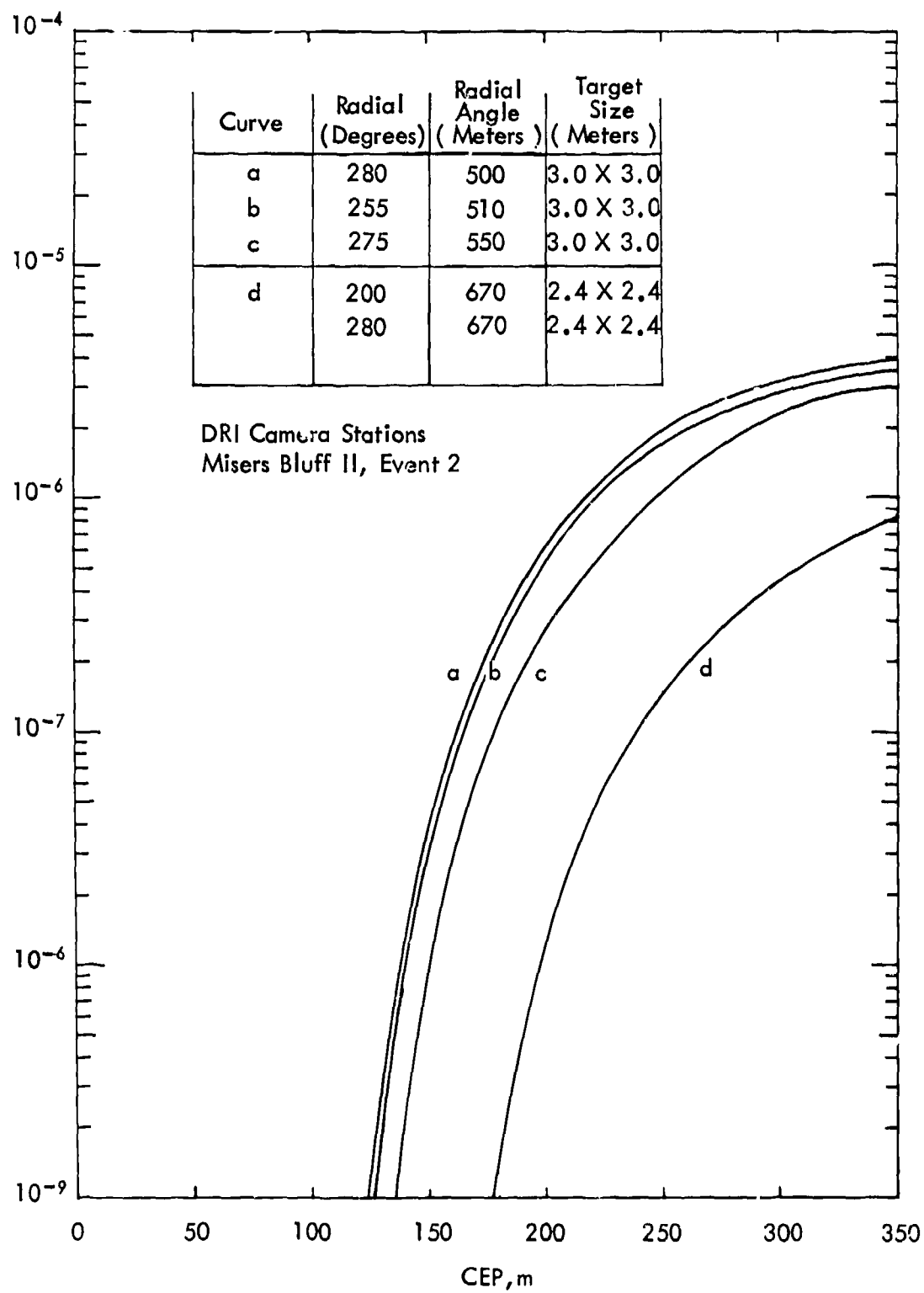


Figure 10. Probability of Impact Versus Canister CEP, DRI Camera Stations

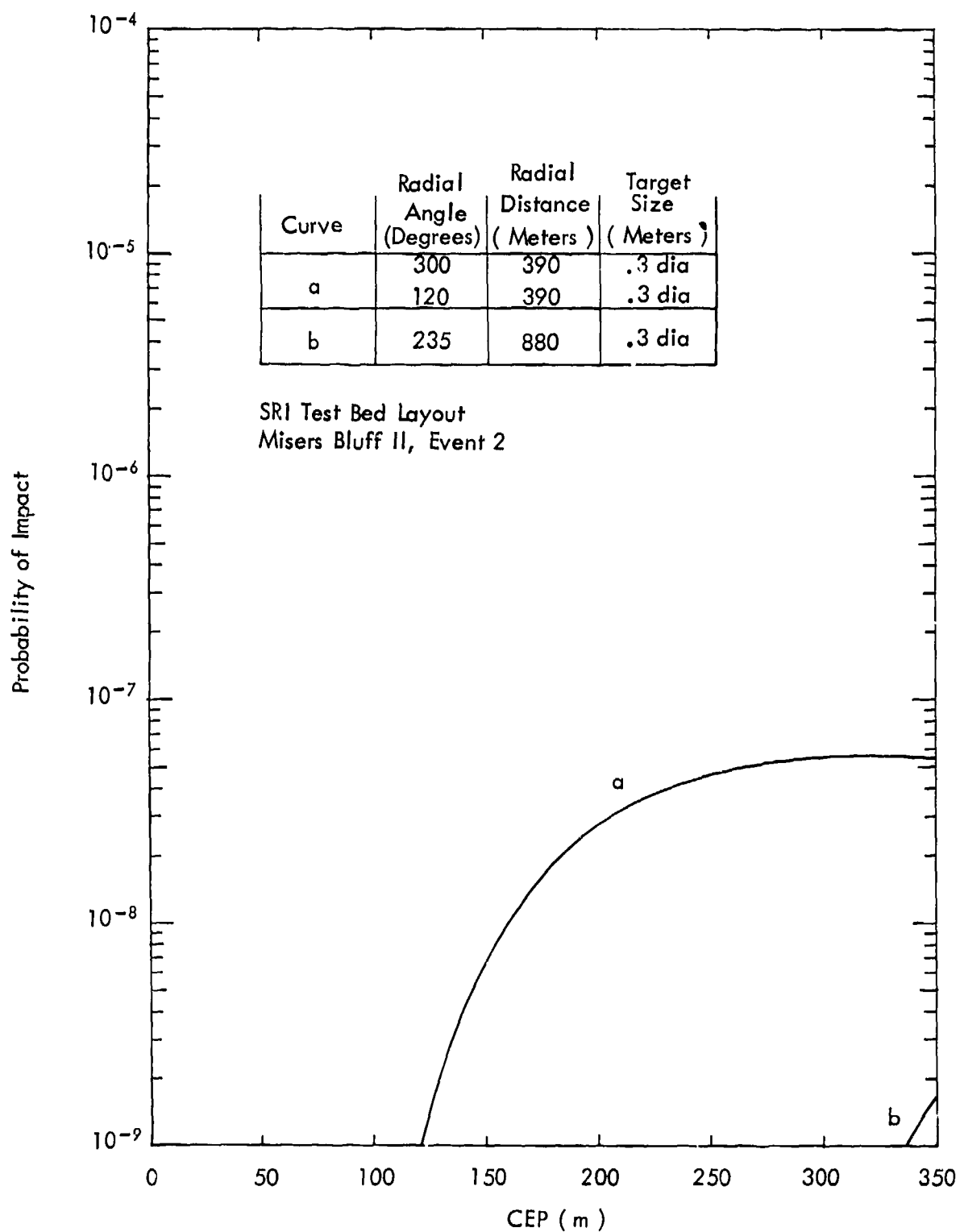


Figure 11. Probability of Impact Versus Canister CEP, SRI Experiments



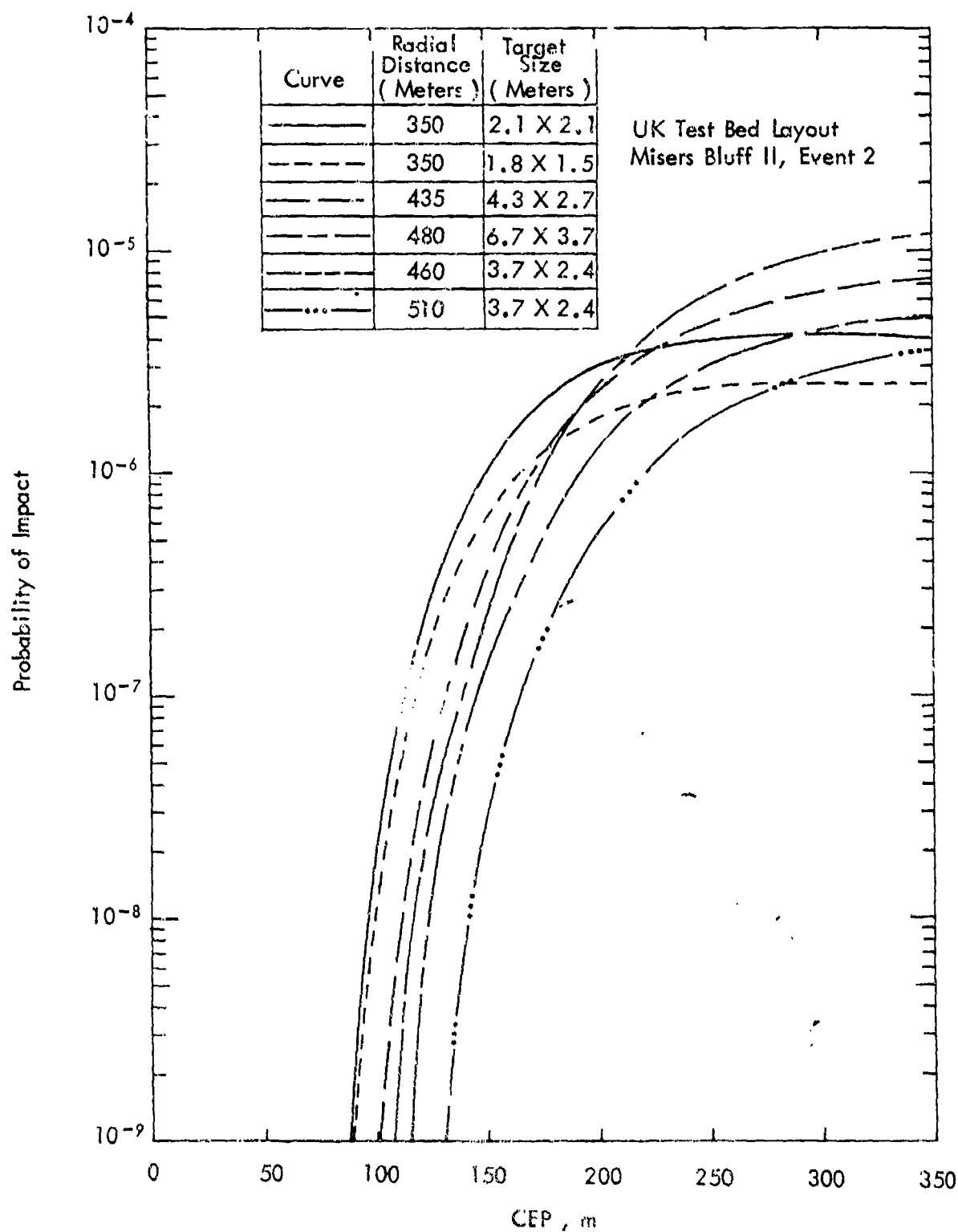


Figure 12. Probability of Impact Versus Canister CEP, UK Experiments

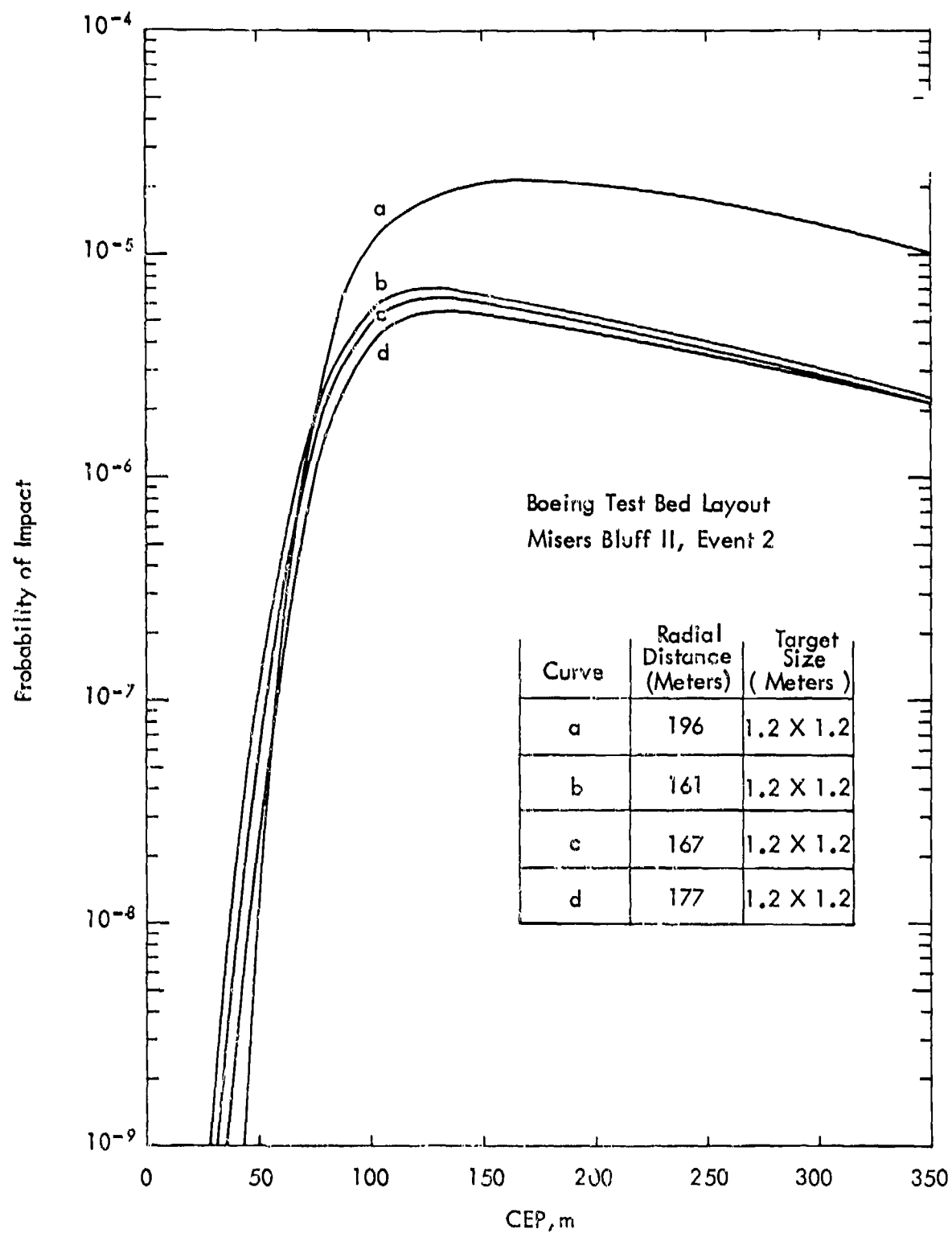


Figure 13. Probability of Impact Versus Canister CEP, Boeing Experiments

## SECTION 4

### CONCLUSIONS

In this intensive development program, virtually all the design goals of the program were met and many design firsts were achieved. A mass measuring canister was designed that actively measured and passively collected accumulated dust as it traversed a dust cloud. Also, a unique helicopter delivery system including portage and sighting mechanisms was designed, fabricated, and tested. This dust collector system made possible early time ( $< 2$  minutes) dust cloud mass measurements.

No measurements were made in either Event 1 or Event 2 of the MISERS BLUFF II test series. Aerodynamic design problems and concern for ground impact accuracy led to the cancellation of Event 1. In Event 2, a countdown delay at 15 minutes prior to detonation required all airborne aircraft to return to their base of operations. When the countdown was resumed, the helicopter was not able to re-establish the delivery sequence in the remaining time and was north of the desired position when Event 2 was detonated. Six canisters were dropped in hopes of penetrating the northern edge of the dust cloud, but a field inspection of the units showed no dust had been collected. A real field demonstration of the canister measuring system was made in Butte, Montana on 30 July 1978, where dust that was held in the canister inlet by tissue paper was collected from the airstream, actively measured and protected during impact. This test clearly demonstrated the feasibility of both the delivery and measurement system.

Other notable successes of the program included the design and testing of the unique aerodynamic design, mechanical construction, electrical design, measurements schemes, and

delivery techniques. Each of these design efforts indicated the strengths and limitations of many of the system concepts which will be invaluable in future improvement efforts.

## SECTION 5

### RECOMMENDATIONS

As a result of this development program, a unique dust cloud mass measuring system was conceived and tested. The test experiences yielded a variety of information concerning the advantages and disadvantages of each design aspect. After considering this data and future program needs, it is recommended that refinements include the following:

#### Canister System

1. Active measurements Additional measurement capability should be added to further define accumulated mass versus altitude and particle size. The consideration of 1) compartments or bins that change with time 2) the capacitance measurement technique and 3) further study of the acoustic sensor (which should give data on particle size), should be pursued. In addition to the new measurement techniques, the effect of moisture content on the measurement should also be assessed.
2. Collection techniques The passive sample collection concept should be further refined to eliminate impact of the particles on the collector chamber walls. With the cyclone separator, an excessive amount of interaction of the particle with the wall occurs with a probable break up of the larger particles. A system involving particle separation by turning the high velocity flow suggested. Such a scheme, would have some design effect

on the capacitance measurement of the accumulated mass, but may permit a smaller sized canister.

3. Parachute system The pre-impact release of a deceleration parachute should be eliminated. Experience has shown that problems of deployment timer accuracy and drop time increment determinations as it pertains to real altitude would be eliminated if the canister could survive a high velocity impact. In addition to this, the canister could measure dust particles all the way to the ground which would increase its scientific effectiveness.

Observations of canister impacts indicate that if a more durable front end is provided with a crushable outer cylinder the canister could survive impacts of up to 122 meters per second (400 feet per second). Additional design problems resulting from such a change include the closure of the collection chamber both front and aft prior to impact. An impact triggered closure mechanism is suggested as one design approach.

Having eliminated the timer and practice drop problems, variable drag schemes are also suggested which would provide preprogrammed different descent and cloud penetration times with simple design modifications.

4. Electronic tracking and impact identification  
An electronic signal identification and impact notification scheme is suggested. With such a system, an electronic signal would be transmitted after the canister is released. This signal would allow the canister to be tracked to and identified on the ground. Advantages of such a technique would be in providing additional penetration position data and ground location data.

#### Delivery System

1. General If the helicopter delivery system is to be continued, some refinements are necessary. They should include improvements to sighting, time-sequenced approach positioning, actuating lanyard design and communications; however, it is suggested that alternate delivery systems be considered especially if the collection technique results yield a much smaller canister. With a smaller canister, delivery schemes such as a mortar or howitzer powder gun, balloon or rocket motor could be considered. Such delivery systems eliminate the need of active personnel in aircraft above the explosive detonation.
2. Sighting and time-position A computer assisted ground based deployment scheme is suggested. An electronic tracking signal would be used to determine the exact position of the helicopter and would continually advise the aircraft of headings and airspeeds required to reach the

drop-zone at the proper time. Preliminary investigations of the helicopter positioning system have indicated that optical techniques are not well suited and electronic tracking systems should be used.

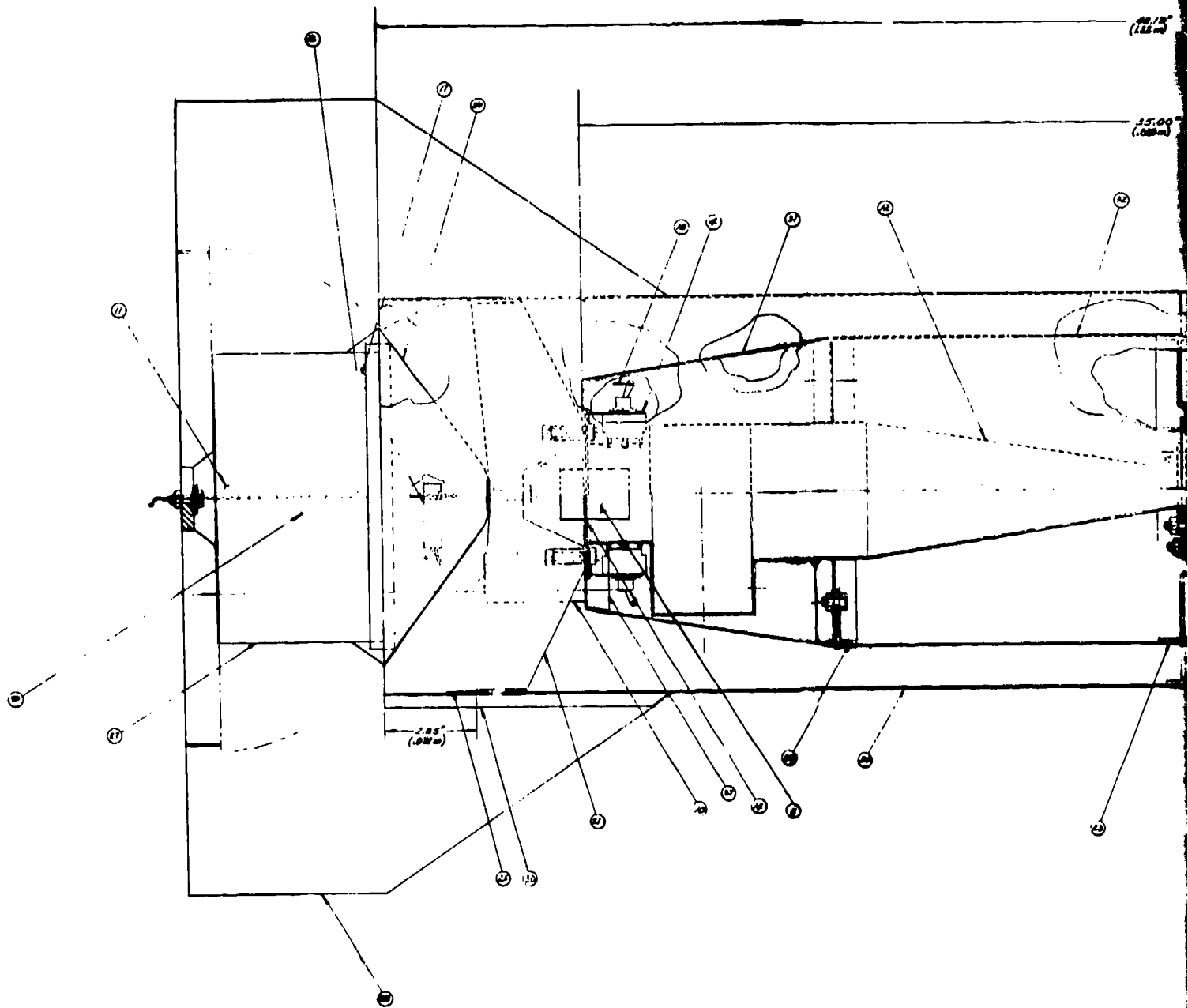
3. Communication using a two channel FM system is needed. Such a system would allow private communications (essential to (2) preceeding) with a high degree of reliability. Such systems are in use with Army ground-to-air communications with helicopters and could easily be implemented.
4. A simple, lanyard system to initiate the electronics and smoke flare is recommended. The pull-line must be designed so that it would not interfere with other canisters, the helicopter blades, or engine intakes.

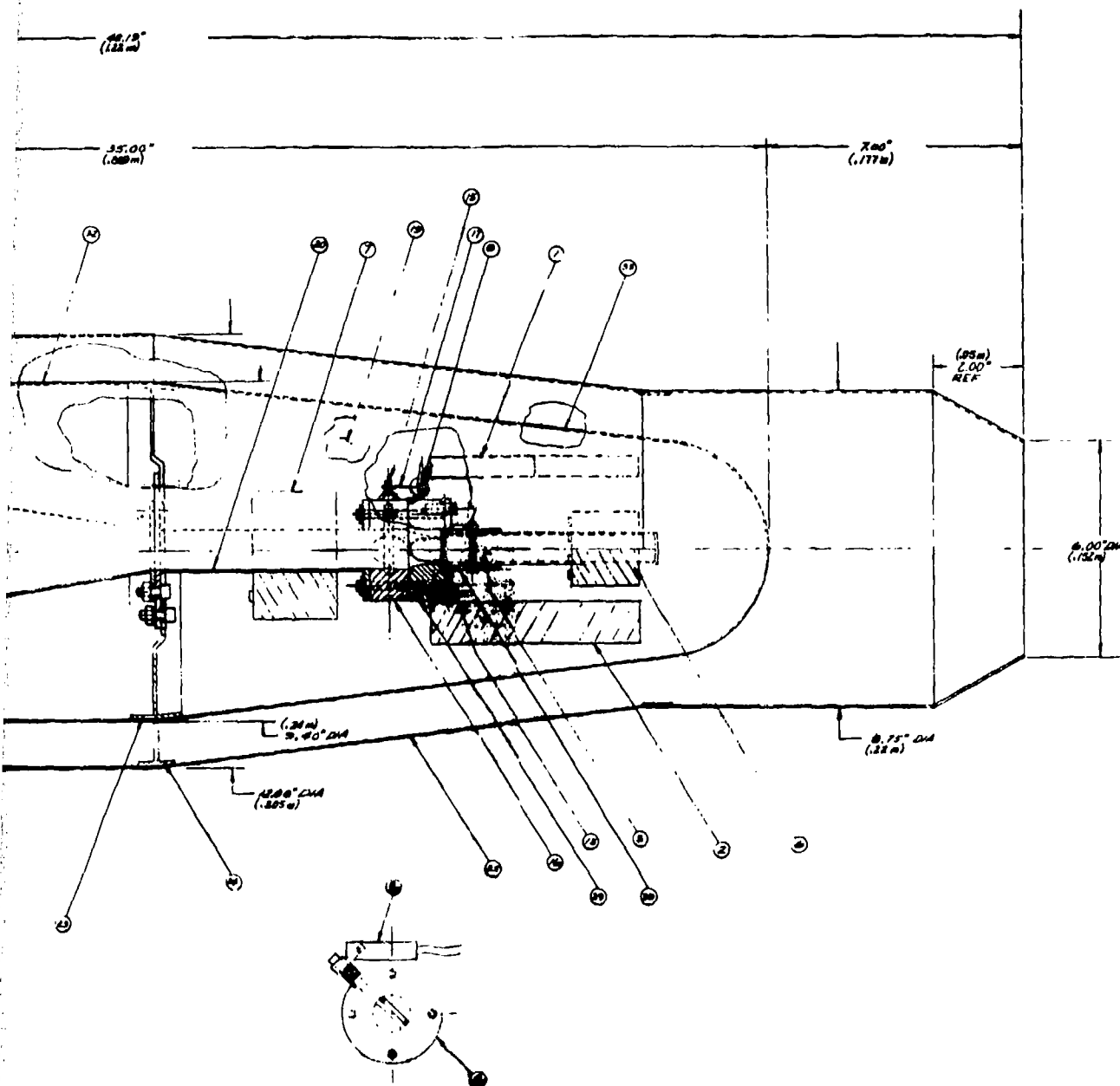


## APPENDIX A

The following drawings are the engineering definition of the dust cloud mass measuring canister. All dimensions noted are in inches and degrees as is current engineering practice at Kaman Sciences Corporation. The reader is referred to the beginning of the report for conversion of these units to SI metric values.

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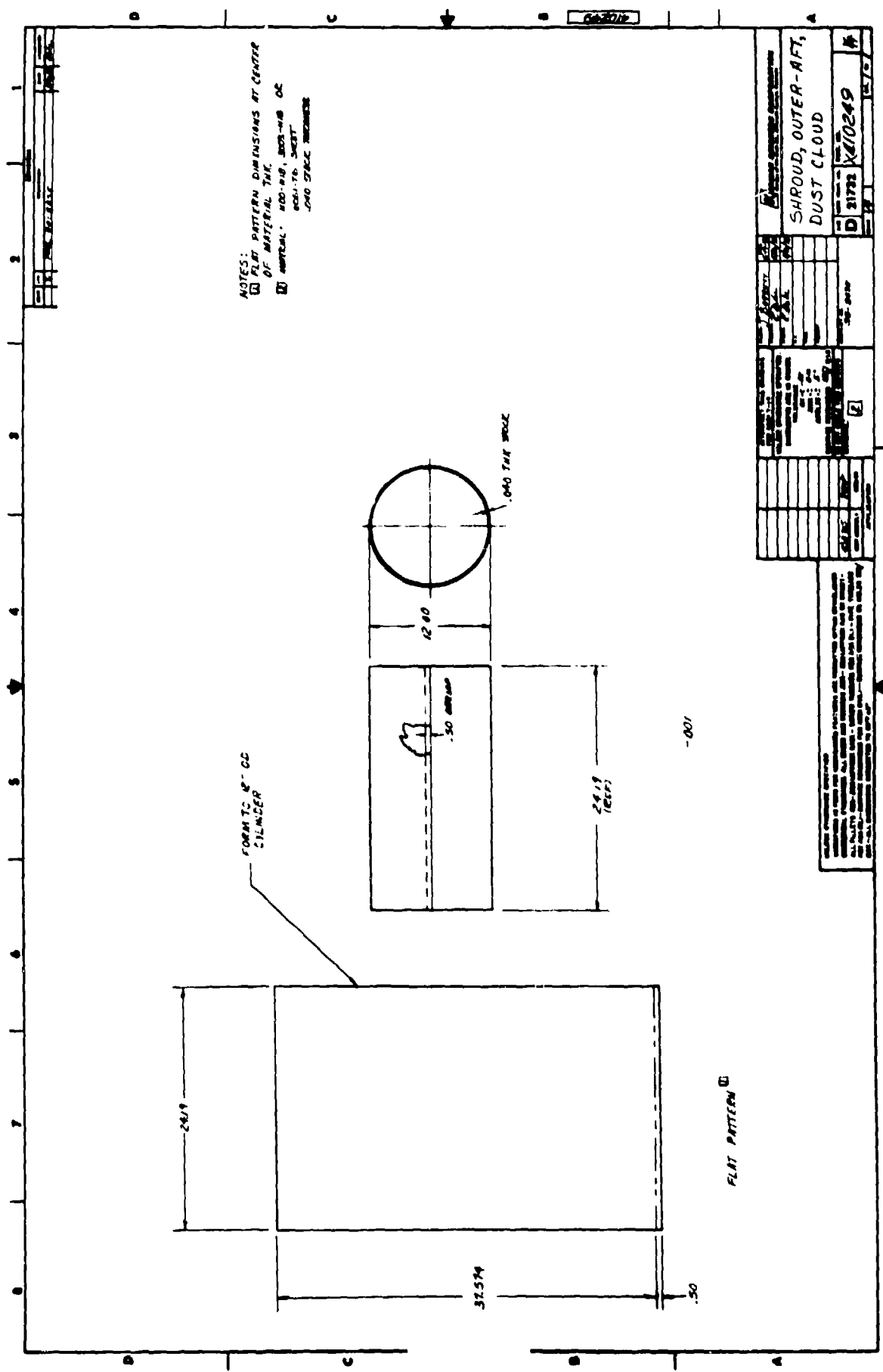
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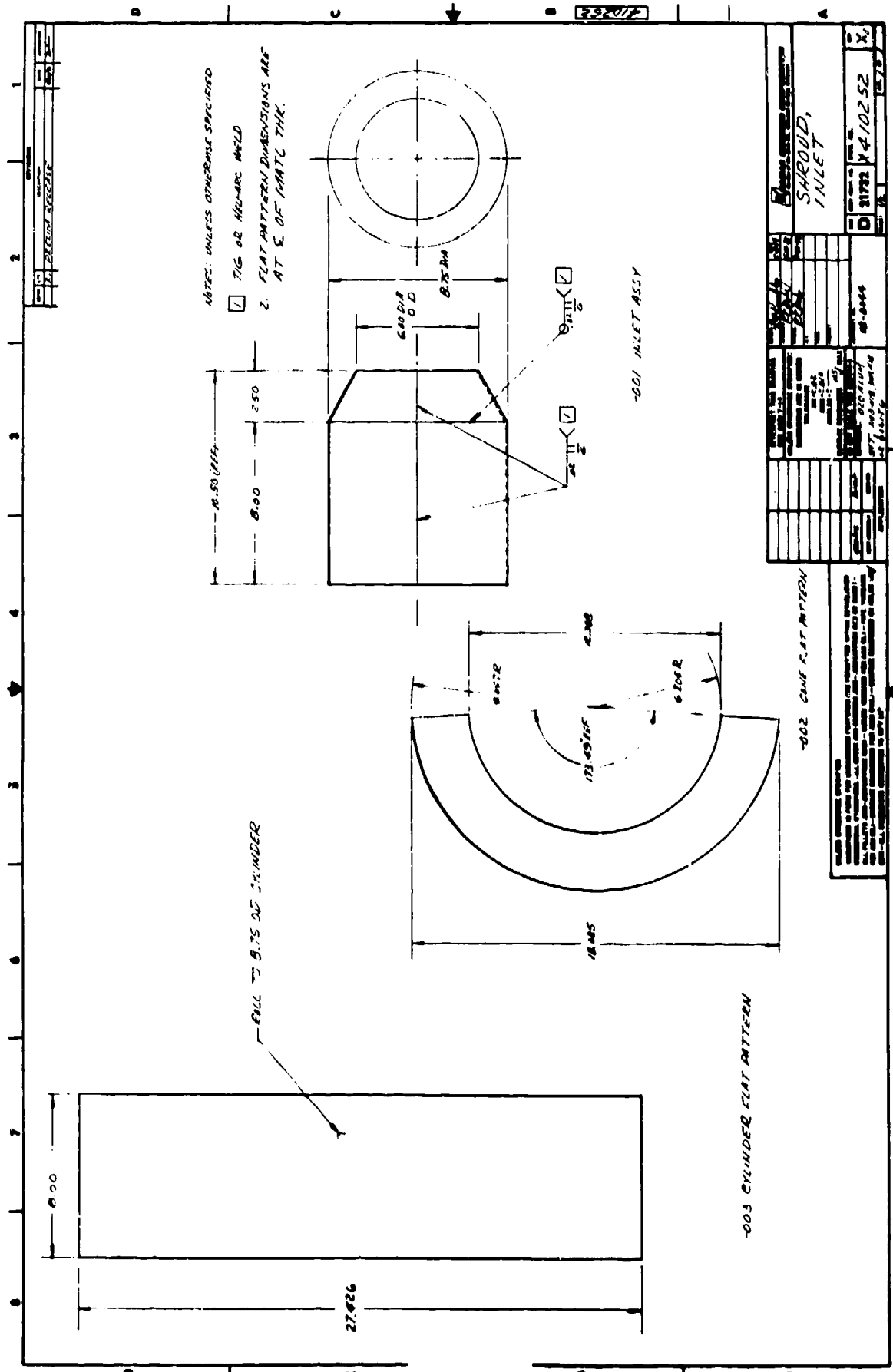
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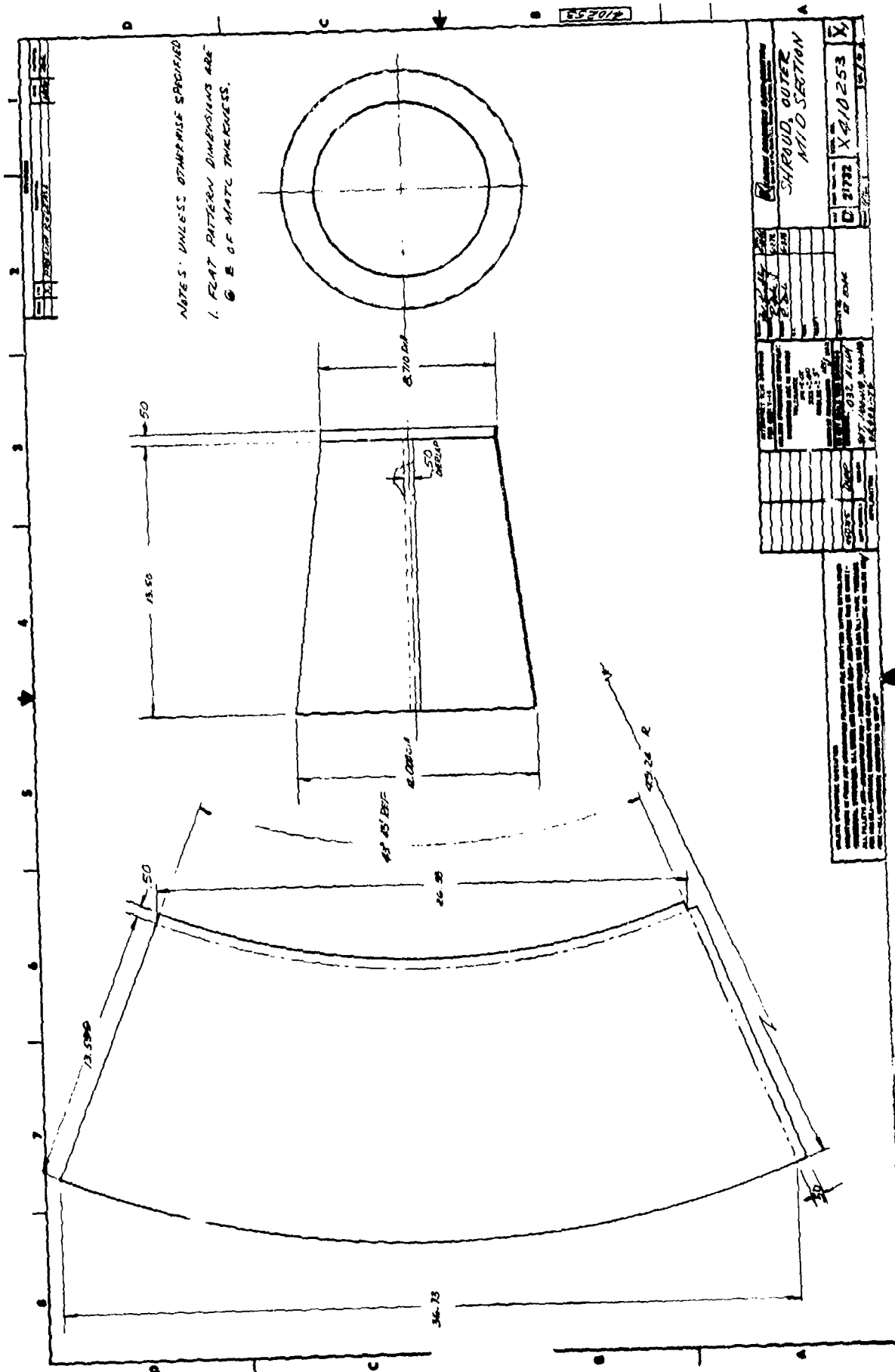


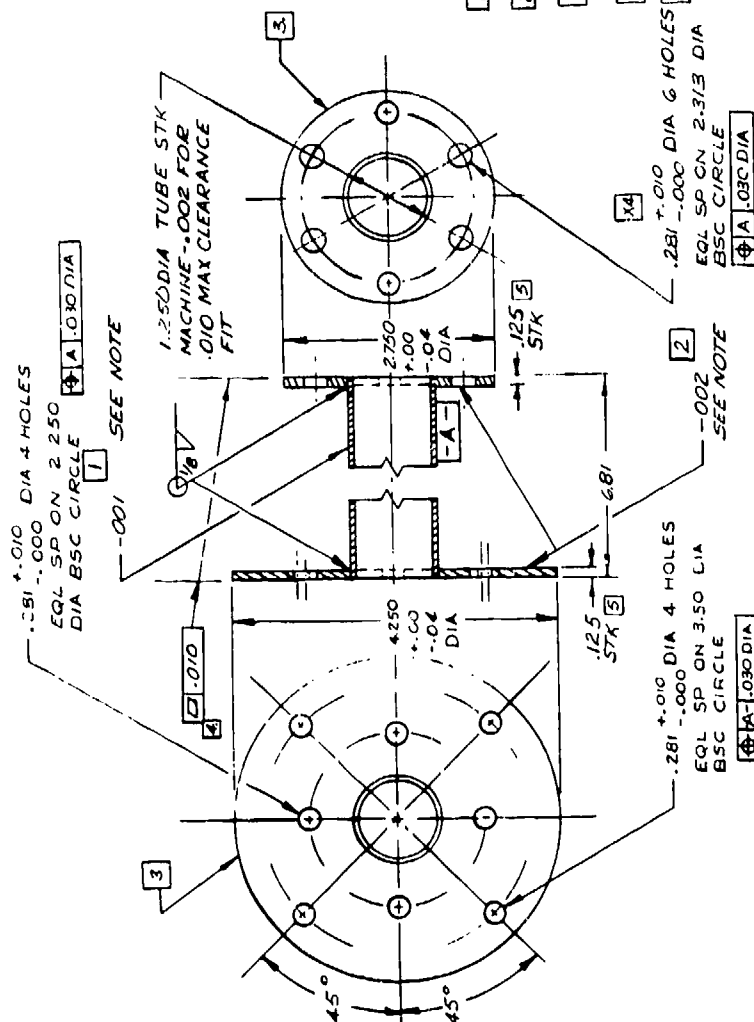






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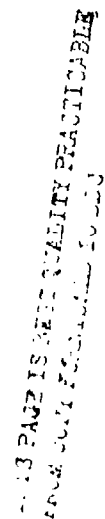
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  3. NEED NOT BE A MACHINED SURFACE. SAW CUT & GRIND OR PUNCHED EDGE ACCEPTABLE
  4. FEET GROUND FINISH ACCEPTABLE (APPLIES TO 2.25 DIA)
  5. STOCK THICKNESS .105 to .125 ACCEPTABLE BEFORE GRINDING

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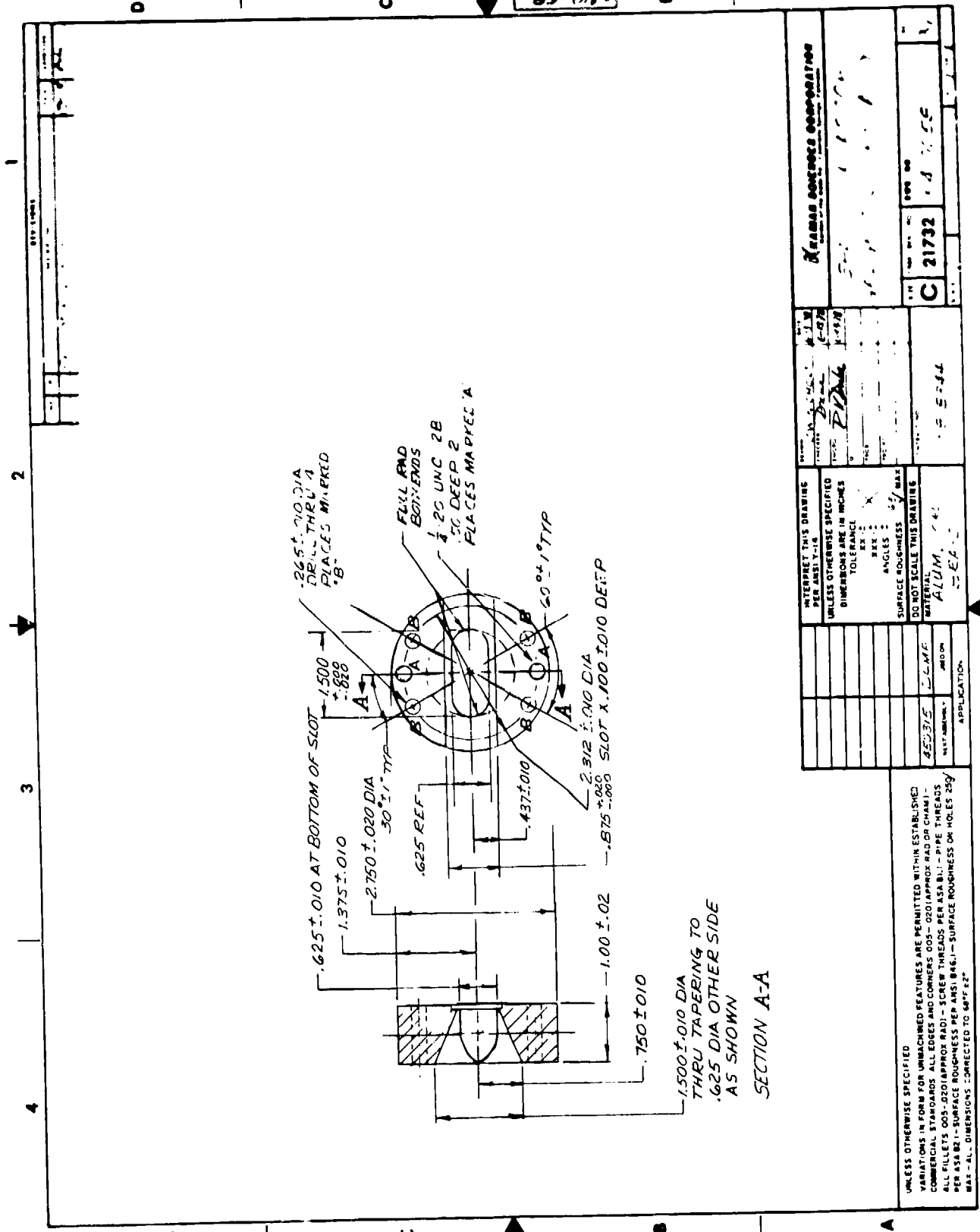




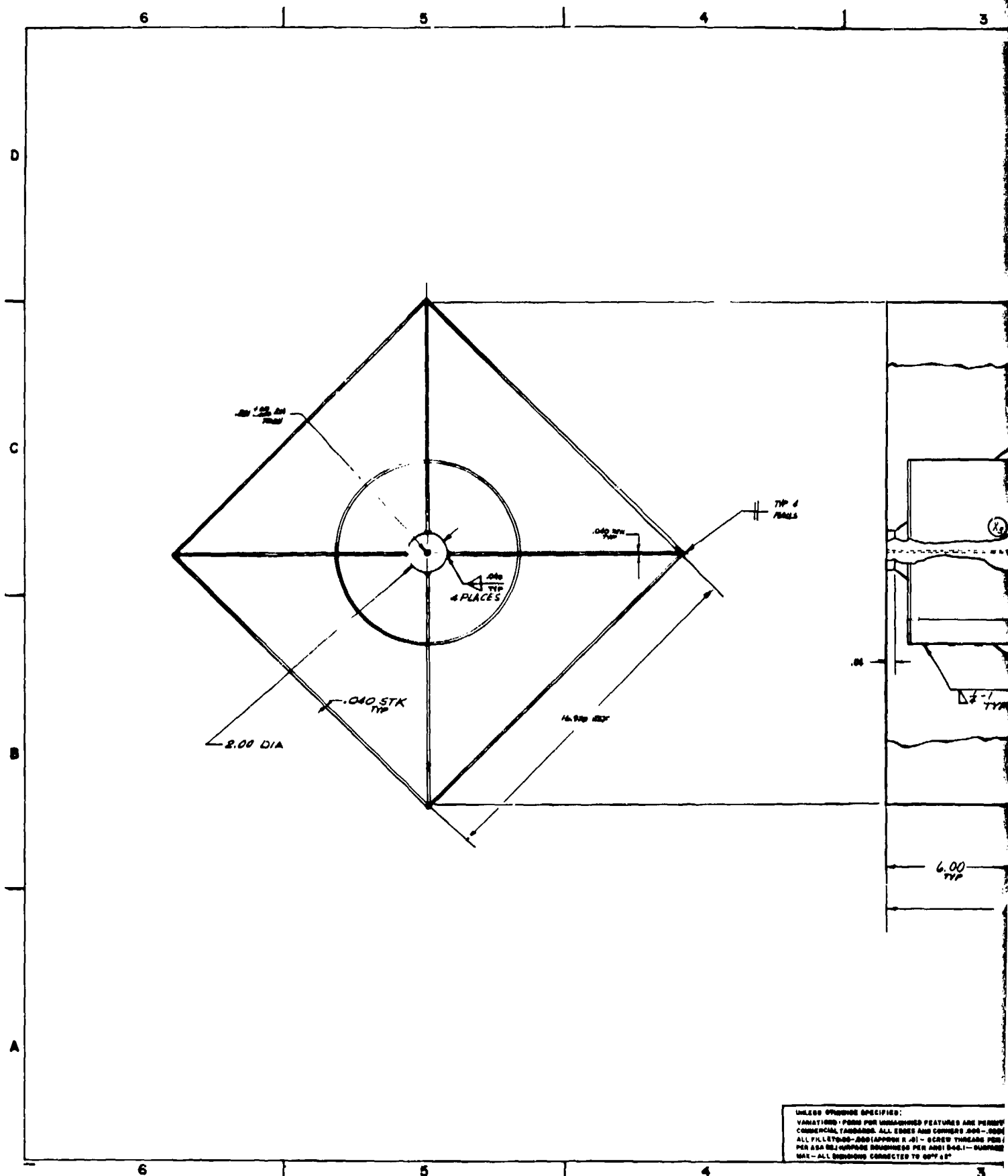








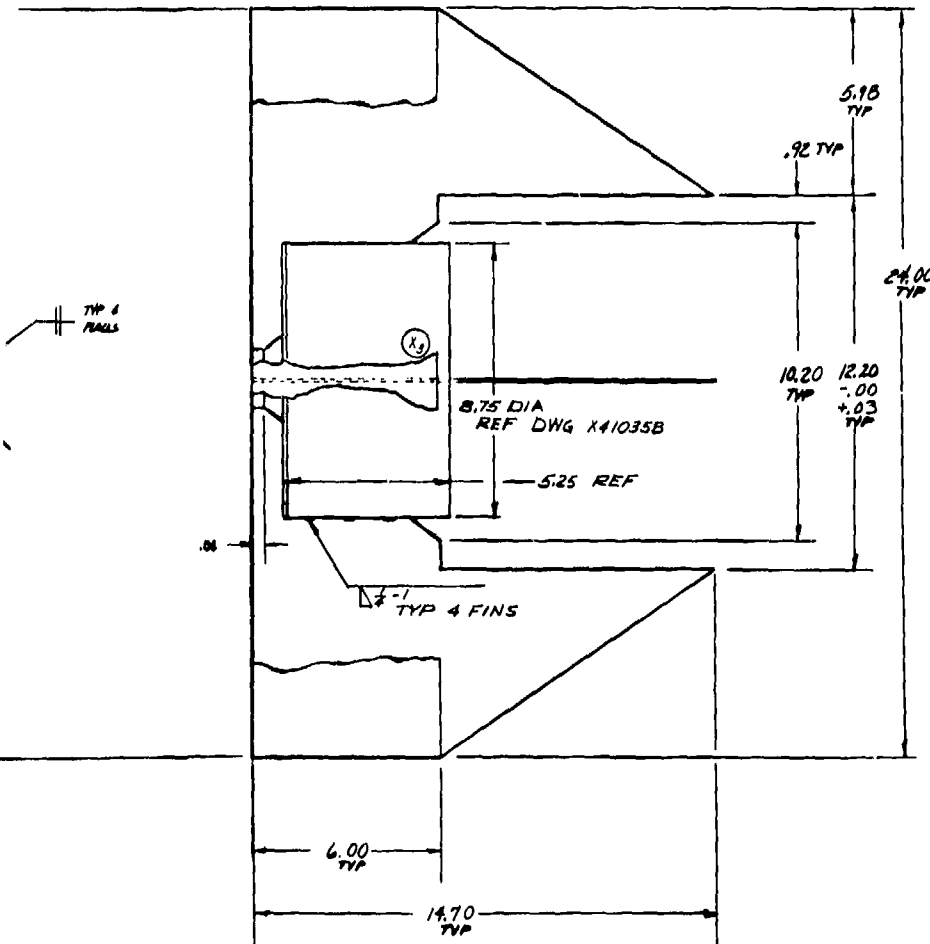




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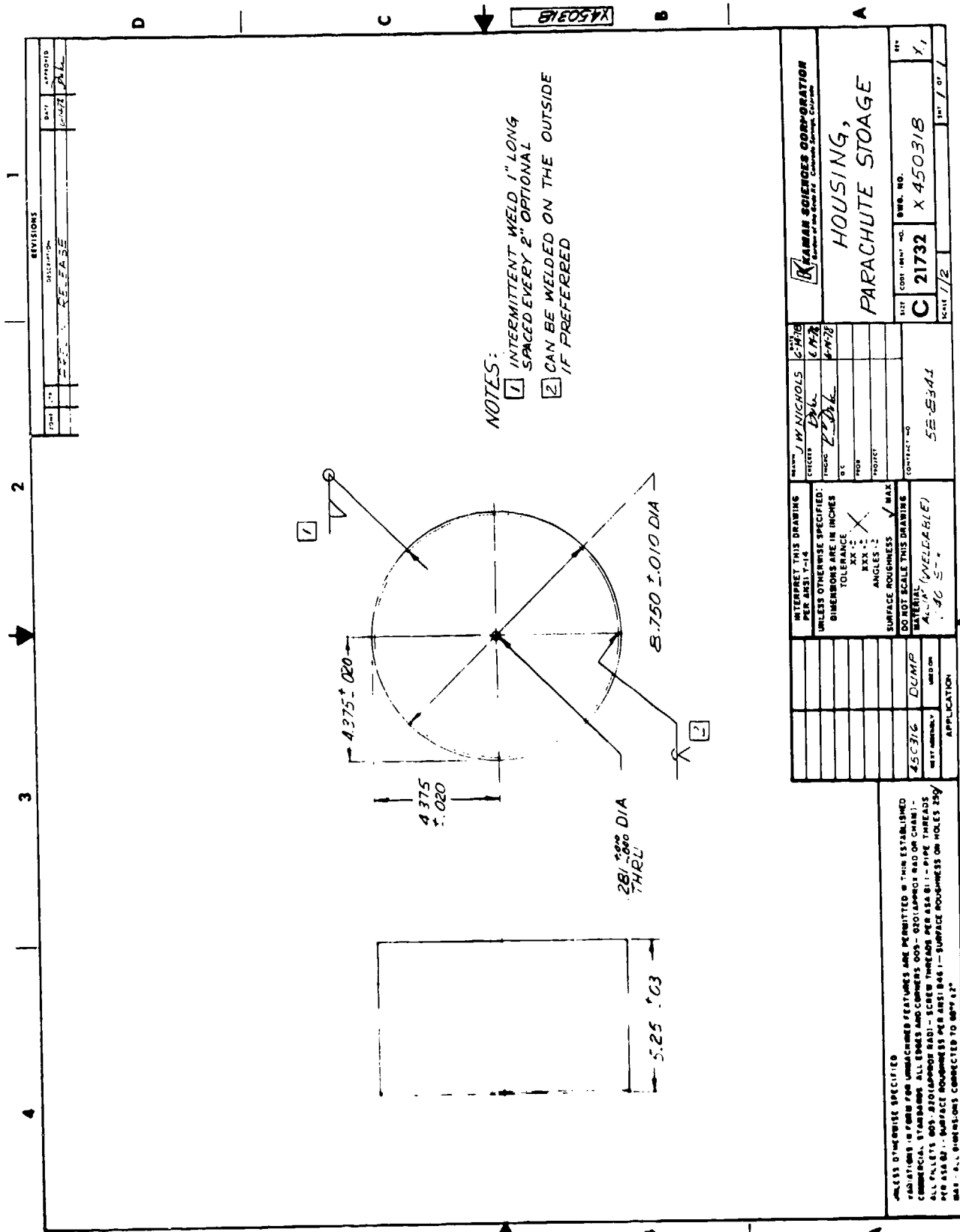
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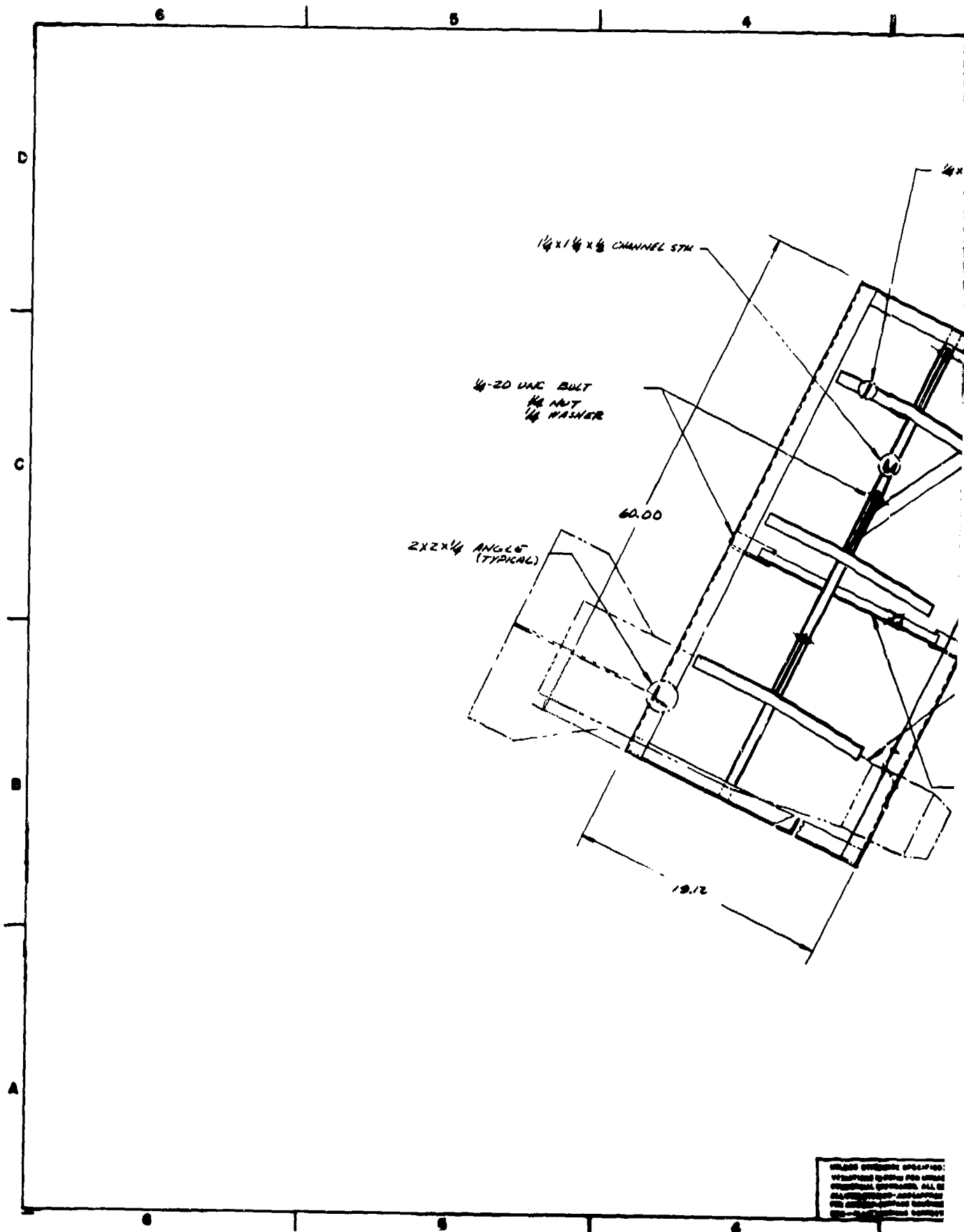
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<p>UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:</p> <p>VARIATIONS: FORMS FOR UNMACHINED FEATURES ARE PERMITTED WITHIN ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL TOLERANCES. ALL EDGES AND CORNERS .040-.060 (APPROX) RAO OR CHAMF.</p> <p>ALL FILLETS .040-.060 (APPROX) RAO. - SCREW THREADS PER ASA B1.1 - PIPE THREADS PER ASA B1.1 SURFACE FINISHES PER ANSI B46.1 - SURFACE FINISHES ON HOLES PER MAX - ALL DIMENSIONS CONNECTED TO 0.0075"</p>				<p>APPROVED: [Signature]</p> <p>DATE: 10/1/71</p>		











APPENDIX B

Memorandum "Safety of Hiller UH-12E in MISERS BLUFF 1"  
to Dr. Frank Shelton from Dr. N. Hobbs and G. Zartarian, on  
June 21, 1978.

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DATE: 21 June 1978

TO: DNA, Mr. James F. Moulton, Jr., SPAS  
FROM: Frank H. Shelton, KSC

Please note following message to F. Shelton from Avidyne.

TO: Dr. Frank Shelton  
FROM: Dr. N. Hobbs, G. Zartarian  
SUBJECT: Safety of Hiller UH-12E in MISERS BLUFF 1  
DATE: June 21, 1978

We have addressed the question of the safety of the Hiller UH-12E helicopter hovering over ground zero in MISERS BLUFF 1 at an altitude corresponding to a shock overpressure of 0.2 psi. We have obtained some data on the UH-12E from Mr. Samuel Brodie, Chief Engineer for Hiller Aviation.

Due to time restrictions and limited data available, we have had to employ simple analysis methods and engineering judgment rather than applying more sophisticated methods. We have looked at the rotor system and the plexiglass bubble (for which we have virtually no data), which we should expect to be the two most vulnerable components of the UH-12E. As a result of our brief analyses, it is our opinion that the UH-12E is indeed safe at the specified conditions. We believe that the HU-12E has an adequate margin of safety to cope with uncertainties with regard to the expected shock overpressure and the analysis tools used.

On the basis of our cursory examination, we would not be willing to approve of a higher overpressure level for MISERS BLUFF1. We suspect, however, that a more detailed analysis of

the UH-12E would result in our accepting a higher overpressure as safe, due to increased confidence in the analysis. We suggest that a more detailed analysis be conducted if it turns out to be desirable to clear UH-12E to a higher overpressure level for MISER BLUFF 2.

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